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Bombers hit ammunition depots

Nato ready to strike at Serbs again

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO, MICHAEL EVANS AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

NATO warplanes are poised to carry out more raids against the Bosnian Serbs today, after destroying two ammunition stores with a strike deep in their heartland yesterday.

An ultimatum for Serb and government troops to surrender their heavy weapons or remove them from the exclusion zone around Sarajevo will expire at noon local time (11am BST). "We are stressing that there is the possibility of more action like today's," a UN spokesman said.

In yesterday's raid, bombers backed by a multinational force of support aircraft hit two bunkers inside an ammunition depot near the Serbs' headquarters in Pale, after they refused to return artillery seized from a UN weapons collection area.

The raid failed to halt all firing in Sarajevo, however, and a general alert sounded last night after Serb troops fired a cannon at a UN weapons collection point into a Sarajevo suburb, reportedly killing a woman and injuring a child. Bosnian Government sources appeared to be holding their fire while leaders of the UN force considered asking for further punishing air raids. One senior official said: "We are prepared to escalate."

For the first time, Nato refused to say which countries contributed aircraft to yesterday's raid for fear of reprisals against UN troops. UN officials described the attack as "very, very risky", but said there had been no other choice when negotiations failed to stop the bombardments around Sarajevo. A UN spokeswoman in Zagreb said: "Reprisals are always a consideration. Our aim was to stop a dangerous and deteriorating situation."



Last November, Bosnian Serb forces took several hundred peacekeepers and military observers hostage after a series of Nato strikes. The troops were finally released, but the experience left its mark on senior UN officials, who had not authorised another airstrike until yesterday.

The UN halted all convoys across Bosnian Serb territory in the hours leading up to the mission, and UN staff were advised to take precautions against Serb retaliation after Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, threatened: "If Smith (the UN commander, Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith) orders air strikes against us, we will treat the United Nations as enemies."

As General Smith's noon deadline loomed, Serb and Bosnian Government generals had largely heeded his demand that heavy weapons fire around Sarajevo should cease, but the Serbs held on to the four big guns. General Smith was said to be determined to strike even if the guns were handed in late, but in the event they were not, and Nato jets which had spent the morning patrolling the area returned to blast the arms depots. Nato sources later described the raid as successful.

In London, John Major gave full backing for "all necessary action" by the UN forces, but warned that without an end to the fighting, the UN could be forced to withdraw. President Clinton welcomed the operation.

But Srdja Trifkovic, a source close to the Serbs, said: "This is not the first time the international community has displayed its lack of even-handedness. The Croats could act with impunity in western Slavonia and the Bosnian army can break out of the Bihac pocket, yet the Serbs mustn't touch four of their guns."

Reprisals against UN troops would strengthen growing calls for a pullout in Britain and France, which provide the bulk of the UN force. The mechanics of a withdrawal would be fraught with danger, however. Extricating British troops in the Serb-surrounded Muslim enclave of Gorazde, for instance, would be extremely difficult.

Even if they can be safely evacuated, Muslim civilians being left behind are not likely to stand quietly aside while the troops leave, and media coverage of such a pullout would be highly embarrassing for the international community.

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IAN STEWART

Ecstatic fans, their faces painted in the colours of the new South African flag, celebrate a try by the Springboks in Cape Town yesterday

Joy as South Africans trounce Australia

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH AFRICANS were jubilant last night as the Springboks trounced Australia, the reigning world champions, by 27 points to 18 in the opening match of the Rugby World Cup in Cape Town yesterday.

Not even the arrival of democracy a year ago could match the supreme feelings of pleasure in the faces of all races in the streets around the Newlands rugby ground behind Table Mountain as the reality of the hosts' dream-like opening to the competition sank in.

President Mandela, a recent convert to Springbok rugby, formally opened the tournament and welcomed the 16 participating teams: "On behalf of the rainbow nation, I welcome you all," he said to a roar of welcome from the 50,000-strong sell-out crowd. "From the first kick-off we are certain to witness rugby of an exceptional standard. Through it, we shall also contribute to the promotion of excellence, world peace and friendship."

The restored Victoria and Albert entertainment area on the wharf rocked with celebration as what seemed to be the entire population of the Mother City enjoyed a *jol*, Afrikaans for a party.

Blacks and Coloureds saw it as their victory as well even though the side fielded only white players because of the injury of the winger, Chester Williams. The victory engulfed the nation in a nationalistic fervour more powerful than that which rallied the country at the inauguration of President Mandela.

A Coloured man stood outside the ground last night and yelled: "We are going to kick their ass, again," expressing a thought in every spectator's mind, for Australia and South Africa may well meet again in the final.

After years of international isolation because of its apartheid policies the World Cup has became a symbol of the acceptance of South Africa by the community of nations.

Four thousand spectators painted their faces in the colours of the new flag in preparation for the wild dancing that greeted the home side's success. This success is also a symbol of how the new South Africa has lost none of its old sporting prowess nor its legendary hospitality.

As the players ran on to the field, business came to a standstill. Courts, schools and businesses closed four hours early as people scrambled to catch a slice of history.

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Share option curb planned for next privatisations

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

RESTRICTIONS on executive share options are being prepared by ministers, it was disclosed last night after the Prime Minister was forced to defend electricity executives who have transferred thousands of shares into their wives' names.

Plans are being finalised to ensure that next year's flotations of Railtrack and Nuclear Electric are not hit by rows over boardroom greed.

Share options in future sell-offs would be issued at market prices rather than flotation prices to curb windfall gains estimated by Labour at around £100 million for the bosses of privatised utilities.

In the Commons, the Prime Minister said that it was a fundamental principle that transfers of property between husband and wife were free of tax and accused Labour of "hating" privatisation.

But Tony Blair demanded that the Government take action to plug what he considered a tax loophole.

It is understood that the committee of business chiefs studying the remuneration of directors will recommend that newly privatised companies should not issue share options to their directors at the price at which the company is initially offered for sale. Instead, the option price would be higher and fixed by the level at which the market settles after several months.

The Commons clash came after Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, drew on internal documents to show that four senior executives at the National Grid have transferred 115,000 shares worth around £650,000 into their wives' names. They include David Jeffries, the chairman.

A spokesman for the company confirmed the figures but insisted that such transfers were common practice.

By transferring shares to their wives' names, directors effectively acquire a second capital gains tax allowance, meaning that they pay no tax on the first £12,000 of any gain each financial year. John Butterfill, a Tory member of the Commons trade and industry committee, said that he was "cross" about National Grid share option arrangements, but was amazed Labour was making such a fuss about the "tiny" tax benefits of transfers to wives — only £2,400 per person.

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Hurd agrees hard line on Europe

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A TOUGH "but positive" approach to next year's conference on the future of Europe in which Britain will seek to build alliances with other nations to limit and even claw back the powers of Brussels over some policies was agreed by Cabinet ministers yesterday.

The Cabinet's overseas and defence policy committee agreed that further attempts should be made to limit European Union action to areas where it is necessary and valuable and to increase cooperation between governments. It also stood firm against any extension of European Union influence into the spheres of foreign affairs, defence and home affairs, and any proposals to increase the powers of the European Parliament or to weaken the right of member states to veto legislation. However, it rejected suggestions favoured by hardline Eurosceptics that big EU policy areas such as the common agricultural policy and common fisheries policy should be "repatriated" to individual countries.

An attempt to water down the powers of the European Court to make retrospective judgments was also agreed and ministers are optimistic about winning allies in the Union for such a move. Britain is also to propose treaty changes to clamp down on European fraud.

Britain's approach is likely to be outlined in a speech by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, on June 21, shortly before the Cannes European summit. But although senior

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African Adam is seen as the father of man

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

AN "African Adam" was probably the common ancestor to all modern males, according to fresh evidence from an American team investigating a chromosome.

Their study strengthens the belief that all modern humans are descended from African ancestors who lived between 100,000 and 200,000 years ago.

The American team has examined a section of the Y chromosome, possessed only by men, in 38 volunteers from around the world. To their surprise, they found that all had identical stretches of DNA on the chromosome, though they came from widely different racial and geographic backgrounds.

If the first *homo sapiens* was very remote in time, the process by which DNA suffers random mutation would have left the men with distinct differences. Previous studies of mitochondrial DNA, which passes down the maternal line, suggest that this ancestor was alive somewhere about 100,000 years ago. Now the male data points to the same conclusion. The fact that the DNA on the Y chromosome shows no variation at all, puts a limit of 270,000 years on the African Adam, report Drs Robert Dorit of Yale, Hiroshi Akashi of the University of Chicago, and Walter Gilbert of Harvard, in today's issue of *Science*.

This means that modern man cannot be the direct descendant of *Homo erectus*, who emerged about one million years ago, and strengthens the view that truly modern humans are comparatively recent. Dr Gilbert says he would prefer that the ancestral male should not be called the African Adam. "It seems to suggest that there were only two people alive, when there were probably about 10,000 individuals alive at this crucial time," he said yesterday.

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Hostilities over fat cats' pay need a UN ceasefire

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Ranked in order of importance, the three news stories prominent yesterday were Bosnia, Ulster peace and share options for National Grid executives' wives. So at Prime Minister's Questions MPs dwelt almost exclusively on the wives, touched briefly on Northern Ireland and, when Paddy Ashdown mentioned Bosnia, groaned and shouted "boring".

John Major and Tony Blair fought each other to a messy draw on executives' wives. If ever there were a dispute which really did cry out for a UN-supervised ceasefire, fat cats' pay is it. Both leaders strained patience. Mr Blair tried to pretend this was a simple, moral, national issue, soluble by the exercise of virtue alone. His preachiness begins to grate. Mr Major tried to corral the executives' wives together with penniless widows and struggling mums, and accused Labour of threatening the institution of marriage itself. Someone should tell him that share options are not a big issue in Merthyr Tydfil.

What did either leader hope to gain? I suppose (for Blair) the vague impression that the Tories defend greed; and (for Major) the impression that Labour are in a tangle about policy. They may care to know that both impressions were successfully conveyed yesterday afternoon. Next time any MP so much as mentions anybody else's salary, it is to be hoped that men in blue berets will rush into the Chamber and cart them off. This is one area where an armed force of peacekeepers, prepared if necessary to shoot, really could assist.

Northern Ireland was more complicated. One of the joys of watching Questions to the Northern Ireland Secretary in an era when the Government is walking on eggs is to hear Ulster Unionists roundly abusing ministers and see ministers smile and thank them very much. The Secretary of State, Sir Patrick Mayhew, was away in Washington meeting Gerry Adams. (Which of us could have guessed, five years ago, that we would write that?) Junior ministers Michael Ancram and Sir John Wheeler deputised.

The UUP Leader, Jim Molyneaux, told Mr Ancram that his trust in Sinn Fein was horribly misplaced because the IRA continued to execute civilians. Mr Ancram thanked Mr Molyneaux effusively for reminding us all of the importance attached to the cessation of violence. David Trimble (UUP) abused Sir John Wheeler for countenancing (he suspected) the sale to speculators of a local hospital. Sir John praised Mr Trimble for the "informed and dedicated interest the hon gentleman takes in the concerns of his constituents".

Ken Maginnis (UUP) accused ministers of a "sordid little dalliance" with terrorists. Sir John, panting with goodwill, complimented Mr Maginnis on his wisdom: he was right, yapped Wheeler, to observe that on the road to peace, some groups were fleeter of foot than others. This was not what Mr Maginnis had observed. Unionists seem to be enjoying a private game, testing just how insulting it is possible to be, and still be licked all over by a fawning minister.

Sitting behind Wheeler and Ancram, in the place where Sir Patrick's Parliamentary Private Secretary, Richard Spring, always sat (before he resigned recently over an unusual *News of the World* story involving a trembling Sunday School teacher) was Richard Spring.

It seems that the Tories have hit on the best way of dealing with silly season stories in the newspapers: announce your resignation and carry on with your job.

Clinton increases pressure on Adams over IRA weapons

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton signalled his growing impatience with the IRA yesterday by publicly calling on it to "take the next step and begin to discuss the serious decommissioning of weapons".

Mr Clinton, who has gone out on a limb to support Gerry Adams and Sinn Fein despite British opposition, used the first important speech by an American president dedicated to Ireland to tell the IRA and other groups they had to decommission their arsenals.

"The spectre of violence that has haunted Ireland must be banished once and for all," he told the White House conference on trade and investment in Ireland.

The President went further. Speaking to an unprecedented gathering in Washington that included Mr Adams and representatives of every Irish political party and faction, he also called for an end to punishment beatings and intimidation. He urged the paramilitary groups to end "exclusion orders" against political enemies and reveal the graves of those they had kidnapped and killed.

It was time to begin "healing the wounds of a generation" and to "allow families to be whole again", he said. To placate Unionists who have interpreted his feting of Mr Adams as proof of his republican bias, Mr Clinton also disclosed that his Irish ancestors were Protestants.

The address delighted the Government, whose officials had advised the administration on what it should contain. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, called it a fine speech that said, in effect, "let's turn the key upon history and go forward into new uplands free from the burden of history and the past". The White House also revealed that Mr Clinton wants to visit Britain and Ireland later this year and was discussing dates.

His first official visit to Ireland would let him trumpet what he considers his substantial contribution to the peace process and bolster his support among the 40 million Americans claiming Irish descent.

On Wednesday night Sir Patrick became the first Cabinet minister to hold an official meeting with Mr Adams or any other leader of the IRA's political wing. The meeting marked another step in Sinn Fein's march towards respectability, but Mr Adams again failed to offer the commitment to decommission IRA weapons.



Clinton: tough stance praised by Mayhew

Sir Patrick later described the 30-minute meeting as merely "civil", but British sources said it had been a little more productive than they were prepared publicly to admit. Sir Patrick had been "impressed" by Mr Adams's personality, and the Sinn Fein leader "did go some way towards assuring him of his personal commitment to the peace process". Mr Adams hailed the meeting as a "frank, friendly and positive exchange of views".

While Sir Patrick said shaking Mr Adams's hand was something "I don't care for", Mr Adams called Sir Patrick a man he could do business with and declared: "I extended the hand of friendship and he clasped it."

But the long-term importance of this conference may lie not in that meeting, nor in whatever US investment it produces in Northern Ireland and the border counties, but in the fact that for the first time people closely linked to both the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries, and members of the British, Irish and American governments have gathered beneath one roof.

☐ John Major gave a fresh warning to Sinn Fein yesterday that full-scale political talks would be impossible until "practical moves" had been made towards the decommissioning of arms (James Landale writes).

The move came as MPs attacked the meeting between Sir Patrick and Mr Adamsduring the Washington conference.

The Prime Minister told the Rev Ian Paisley, Ulster Unionist MP for Antrim North: "The best contribution Sinn Fein can make to the conference and to Northern Ireland's prospects would be to promote peace and therefore to secure the decommissioning of the IRA's arms and explosives. That remains the Government's position.

"And until in these exploratory talks there have been practical movements forward in the decommissioning of arms, it will not be possible for Sinn Fein to move forward to full-scale political talks."



The "eccentric" who approached the Prince in Brighton is restrained by police

Barefoot man lunges at Prince

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales was startled but unhurt yesterday when a man broke through a security cordon and rushed at him from the crowd during a visit to Brighton.

The man, barefoot and clad only in T-shirt and shorts, got to within 6ft of the Prince when he broke through a crowd barrier in an attempt to hand the Prince a note.

He was about to get into his car after unveiling a plaque at the restored Victoria Fountain in the town's Old Steine area near the Brighton Pavilion, and talking to a crowd that had gathered to see him. The intruder was immediately wrestled to the ground by uniformed officers, one of whom was later treated for minor injuries to his mouth.

As the man ran forward, Inspector Bob Fulton, an armed plain-clothes member of the Metropolitan Police royalty and diplomatic protection department who was acting as royal bodyguard, moved to cover the Prince's body. The intruder was unarmed and was led away in handcuffs. Twenty members of an animal rights group, who had been demonstrating against the Prince's foxhunting, disclaimed all responsibility for the incident.

Sussex Police sources said last night that the man, a 46-year-old local, was well known to them, and was regarded as harmless, if eccentric.

Officials accompanying the royal visit dismissed the incident as minor, and said that the Prince had been unperturbed.

Security surrounding the Prince will be at a much higher level than usual next week when he makes a 24-hour official visit to Dublin, the first official appearance in the Republic of Ireland by a member of British royalty since 1911.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shephard tackles failing schools

Ministers have called in academic experts to help to reverse a culture of failure in state schools, as part of an assault on low standards announced yesterday by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary. Primary schools judged close to failure will face new inspections and all schools will be encouraged to set targets for improvement, under plans to be implemented next year. The programme to raise standards will combine the expertise of the government agencies responsible for inspection and teacher training with civil servants and academics at London University's Institute of Education.

Teachers' unions welcomed the initiative but were critical of the absence of new money. Local authorities will be expected to contribute much of the resources and government funds will be diverted from other programmes at a time when the amount earmarked for such projects is expected to drop.

Deadlock over Nolan

Tory and Labour leaders failed to break the deadlock over membership of the new Commons committee formed to clarify the Nolan report. The two parties will have to wait until next month before they agree to the 11 members. But they did agree to terms of reference for the committee, which will aim to advise on how the Nolan recommendations can be "clarified and implemented". Labour claimed it had forced the Government to state clearly that the committee would not reject Lord Nolan's proposals, but the Conservatives said that despite Labour pressure ministers had not altered the remit of the committee.

Pollution ticket backed

Plans to give traffic wardens powers to issue "pollution tickets" for vehicles that fail roadside emission tests have been proposed by the Tory MP Sir Cranley Onslow. His amendment to the Environment Agencies Bill, expected to become law next month, is understood to have government support. Tim Brown of the National Society for Clean Air said that the scheme would make pollution checks on dirty vehicles more effective.

BBC reprimanded

A BBC interview with Ronnie Biggs, the train robber, on Radio 2's late-night magazine programme *The Jamesons* was over-sympathetic, the Broadcasting Standards Council has ruled after a complaint that the interview, which coincided with the publication in January of Biggs's biography, glamorised crime. The complainant was particularly offended by the jocular offer of a plate of jellied eels to Biggs on condition that he return to Britain from Brazil.

Maxwells' jury chosen

The jury for the trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell was selected yesterday. The seven women and five men were chosen from a list of 700 who have been vetted for the trial, which opens at the Old Bailey on Wednesday. It is expected to last six months. Kevin Maxwell, 36, former chief executive of Maxwell Communications Corporation, his 38-year-old brother, Ian, former chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers, and two former advisers are accused of fraud.

Rikki's mother in court

The mother of six-year-old Rikki Neave was remanded in custody for seven days yesterday charged with murdering her son last November. Ruth Neave, 26, of no fixed address, spoke only to confirm her name, age and address when she made a 10-minute appearance before magistrates in Peterborough. Rikki's naked body was found on scrubland 500 yards from his home in Welland, Peterborough. He had been strangled.

£50,000 for Jagger tape

A previously unknown recording of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards performing in the front room of a house was sold yesterday for £50,625 at Christies in London. The reel-to-reel tape was recorded in 1961, two years before the formation of the Rolling Stones. It contains 12 tracks and lasts 34 minutes. The tape was bought by an anonymous telephone bidder but was sold without copyright, making it illegal to reproduce without permission of the artistes.

Roadworks threaten holiday weekend

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of holidaymakers eager for a trouble-free weekend should consider staying at home as roadworks throughout the country threaten to gridlock main routes and cause widespread delays.

Travellers bound for Wales and the West Country especially were last night warned to prepare for severe hold-ups as work starts tonight on repairs to the M4 in west London, which will be shut between junctions one and two.

The worst hold-ups are likely on Monday evening as drivers head for home at the end of the Whitsun Bank Holiday. However, problems are expected to start as early as lunchtime today and build to levels of peak congestion during the evening rush.

AA Roadwatch said: "We would tell people to stay at home but no one pays any attention. Instead we advise motorists to allow plenty of time for journeys today and avoid the worst hold-ups by setting out early on Saturday morning instead.

"There will be some pretty horrific tailbacks and traffic jams with routes to leisure areas, the coast, the West Country and Wales particularly bad — but for many these routes are virtually impossible to avoid. We can only tell people to avoid setting out late on Friday as it will be the worst time to travel."

Airports are also expecting one of their busiest weekends of the year with many schools breaking up for half-term holidays. Heathrow said that more than 600,000 passengers were expected to pass through the airport over the weekend, with a peak of 170,000 today. Most are bound for short-haul destinations such as Paris and Rome.

In Britain, typically gloomy Bank Holiday weather is expected for much of the weekend with bands of rain passing over the country tomorrow and on Sunday. Monday is expected to be drier and warmer, particularly in the east, when there will be sunny intervals and only occasional showers.

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Cabinet ministers suggested last night that the Government's approach would satisfy 80 per cent of Tory MPs and ministers, the continuing tensions inside the party over the agenda for the inter-governmental conference was highlighed when a leaked Westminster paper disclosed that a big group of Eurosceptic Tories have been secretly debating plans to urge Mr Major to provoke a "crisis" at the summit.

The three-page document, drawn up for meetings of the Fresh Start group of 40-50 Euro-sceptic MPs, discusses ways of exploiting the summit to ensure that Britain ends up with an arms-length relationship with the rest of the European Union. In direct contradiction to the policy agreed by the Cabinet committee yesterday it calls for mass repatriation of powers under which, for instance, the United Kingdom would run its own agriculture and fisheries policies.

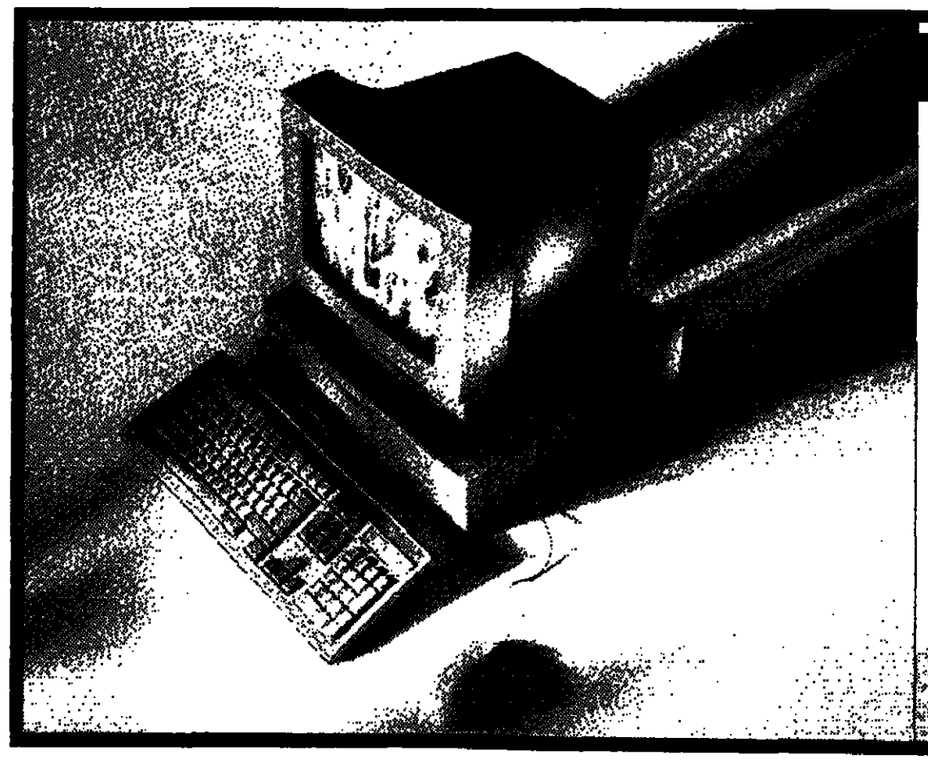
It also calls for British withdrawal from moves towards a single currency and measures to limit the powers of the European court and the supremacy of European law over domestic law.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, seized on the paper to accuse Eurosceptic Tories of playing "a dangerous game" for narrow party advantage: "What is most alarming is the cynical call on the Government to create a crisis in Europe. That is a really dangerous game and it is British jobs and exports that are being used as a political football."

However, after yesterday's 90-minute meeting of the Cabinet committee, which discussed a four-month study of the IGC by a special European committee headed by Mr Hurd, senior ministers were confident that after all "the pain and grief" the Government would have a policy that would "put daylight" between the Government and Tony Blair's European policy without being negative about the future of Europe.

Mr Hurd was anxious to emphasise to yesterday's meeting that, contrary to reports, he had by no means abandoned hopes of taking back powers from Brussels. He said there were specific policy areas where European Union influence might be limited through amendments to the treaty, and he was hopeful of finding support.

Mr Major's meeting in Bonn today with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, will mark the beginning of that process.



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'Evil vet' guilty of murdering wife with drugs meant for animals

BY RICHARD DUCE

AN "EVIL, selfish and criminally callous" vet was jailed for life yesterday after a jury found him guilty of poisoning his wife with drugs intended for animals.

Ryan James, 40, believed he could convince police his wife Sandra had killed herself, allowing him to set up home with his mistress, Catherine Crooks, who was married to a family friend.

For several weeks Mrs James, 38, a mother of three, was given Immobilon, a powerful drug used to anaesthetise horses, in drinks of orange juice. She was also given the barbiturate phenobarbitone in place of an antibiotic she used for a chest infection.

Mr Justice Hidden at Stafford Crown Court recommended that James serve a minimum of 20 years. The judge said: "You are as evil, selfish and criminally callous a man as I have ever had to sentence. You used your knowledge and expertise in your career as a vet, in which your wife had supported and encouraged you, to put together a calculated and wicked plan to end her life and take her from her children so that you could afford to live with a woman you had chosen to replace her. You abused the trust she had in you by getting her to swallow phenobarbitone. You also used injections to get drugs into her body and phenobarbitone to render her unable to stop you.

"You had to kill her and you had to insult and harm her memory by making up an issue that she had committed suicide. That was a diabolical plot. The only sentence I can pass is one of life imprisonment but I shall recommend to the Home Secretary that you not be released from prison for 20 years."

James, of Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, had denied murder but was convicted after the jury deliberated for six hours. He shook his head and muttered as he was found guilty of the murder in January last year. Mrs Crooks had been granted custody of Mrs James's three children and moved into her home with her own three children after leaving her husband. Last night it was believed members of Mrs James's family would try to regain custody.

James, who earned £35,000 a year, began his affair with Mrs Crooks, 33, after meeting her at parent-teacher association meetings at the Thomas Russell Infant School, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire, in September 1993. Within three weeks the lovers had left their spouses to set up home in a rented bungalow in nearby Alrewas. James, with debts of £143,000, could not afford to run two homes. Both returned to their partners but the affair continued.

Peter Joyce, QC, for the prosecution, said James then began to sow the seeds of his eventual defence by telling friends that he thought his wife could kill herself after learning of the affair.

Mr Joyce said: "For two days before Christmas 1993 friends of Mrs James said she was like a zombie, as if she was drugged. But she did not smell of drink and she appeared to have very little recollection of those two lost days. Towards the start of the week in which she died, forensic evidence shows a massive dose of phenobarbitone was administered." He said Mrs James was also given Immobilon, a drug so dangerous it can cause unconsciousness within 30 seconds.

"It is the case of the eternal triangle. The vet, his mistress and his wife. Mr James could not afford to live with his mistress. He had everything to gain by his wife's death and nothing to gain from divorce. She was the one standing in the way of him living with his mistress. There were also substantial debts of £143,000 which were wiped out by her death."

On the night of his wife's death in January last year James had gone off to meet Mrs Crooks. The mixture of orange juice and Immobilon he had earlier forced down her throat while she was in a drug-induced coma had been enough to kill six people.

As his wife lay a few hours from death James then arranged to meet his mistress. Mrs Crooks telephoned James on his mobile phone and let it ring three times to warn him she was ten minutes away from his bungalow. After disconnecting the upstairs telephone James then walked 200 yards to a water tower and met his lover.

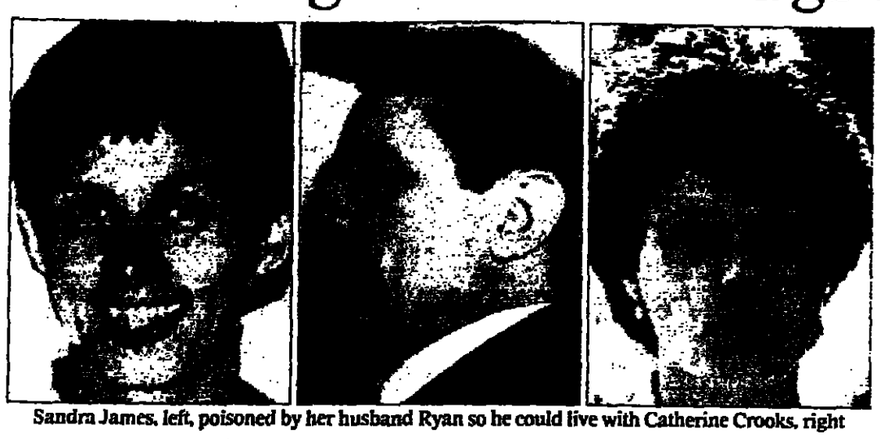
Friends of Mrs James said that she had been shattered by her husband's affair but was being positive about the future. She had started to look for a new home and had cut her husband out of her will. In it she wrote: "To my husband Ryan. I leave absolutely nothing. I loved you and lost you."

She met her husband in 1982 while she worked at a stables where James was called out to treat a horse. The couple married in the following year. Jane Harrison, a friend of Mrs James, said she was very drawn and had lost a lot of weight after her husband left her. "Sandra was very shocked by what had happened but seemed to be in control."

Mrs Crooks told the court on the first day of the trial that her affair with Mr James had been no secret. Last night she was not at home and was understood to be considering whether to accept offers from national newspapers for her story. After the case Steven Lomax, Mrs James's brother, said: "Justice has been done."

Detective Inspector Peter Hall, a senior officer on the murder investigation, said James, who was not arrested until two months after his wife's death, had thought he could fool police. "In interviews he was always controlled and composed when responding to questions. He did think he was going to get away with it," he said.

Mr Hall revealed that police had adapted tests used at racecourses to determine whether horses had been doped, to determine that Mrs James had been poisoned.



Sandra James, left, poisoned by her husband Ryan so he could live with Catherine Crooks, right

'He told Amber to get on with her life. He could see she had a future'

Graduate crippled in birthday prank chooses to die

BY TIM JONES

A UNIVERSITY graduate paralysed from the neck down after a birthday prank allowed himself to die to spare the suffering of his family and fiancée.

David Norman, 24, could not face spending the rest of his life being dependent on others and decided to end his life by refusing to allow doctors to inject him with insulin for his severe diabetes.

Mr Norman, a keen sportsman who played for Plymouth University First XV rugby team, was paralysed 18 months ago when friends gave him birthday bumps and he fell on his head from four feet at the Oz nightclub in Plymouth.

His father, Bill Norman, 48, said yesterday: "I think David decided he had suffered enough. You can imagine what life must have been like for someone with no feeling from the neck down but a very sharp brain.

"For the last 18 months of his life he had no control over anything he did. To go through the rest of his life on a ventilator was more than he could face."

His son refused to take any more insulin last Thursday and died 48 hours later. Mr Norman said he had probably decided to end his life at Easter when he broke off the engagement with his fiancée, Amber Thomas.

When she visited him at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, he told her: "Forget about me and get on with your own life." Last night, she was too distressed to comment.

Mr Norman said: "The whole thing has been quite amazing. He seems to have worked through the logistics of it all and known what his commitments were. He knew that once he had triggered something, no one could do anything to stop it."

Although he was in pain and discomfort for much of the time, relatives said he was more concerned with the mental anguish he was causing his mother, father and fiancée.

Mr Norman said: "We've had wonderful tributes from patients in Odstock Hospital who said how much they had benefited from chatting with David. He was an inspiration to everyone and such a brave, brave man. I am very proud of his bravery and selflessness.

"It was a great shock but, typically of David, he let us down very gently. He told Amber to get on with her own life. He could see she had a future ahead of her."

Mr Norman, a building society manager from Foxham, near Chippenham, Wiltshire, his wife Elspeth, 45, and their daughter Elizabeth, 25, were at David's bedside when he died. He said his son, who had graduated with an honours degree in business studies, had hoped to make a career in marketing.

He was a "little chap with a big heart". He added: "At the end of the day I think he had just had enough. He had so much to offer but I think the indignity and the pain was too much for him. It has been a terrible blow but I have nothing but pride and respect."

Elizabeth Norman, an English and drama student at Cardiff University, said: "My brother was a very, very brave boy. I'm extremely proud of all the things he accomplished and how hard he battled with his injury.

"We are absolutely devastated at the loss but I am getting through this because of the strength he gave me. I feel very numb, I just feel as though I'm in limbo. We were brother and sister but we were also great friends. We had our arguments but, as his big sister, I would always look out for him.

"He wasn't mentally affected by the accident, he was always the same boy, but he was paralysed. I think the pain just got too much for him. None of us can imagine the pain he went through. I think the hurt became too much for him."

Last night, a spokeswoman for the British Medical Association said mentally aware patients had the right to refuse treatment after doctors had explained to them the consequences of their actions. She said: "If they refuse treatment in those circumstances they have the right to die."



David Norman with his fiancée, Amber Thomas. He broke off their engagement

Football star appeals over jail sentence

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE footballer Duncan Ferguson, who played for Everton in their FA Cup final victory last Saturday, was yesterday given a three-month jail sentence by a Glasgow court for head-butting another footballer while representing Rangers in a Scottish League match last year.

Ferguson, who is the first international player in Britain to be jailed for an assault on another professional on the field, was later released from custody, pending an appeal in October.

The sentence completes an unsavoury season for the national game. There have been allegations of match-fixing, drugs scandals, a resurgence of football hooliganism, the attack by Eric Cantona on a Crystal Palace fan and the conviction of Dennis Wise, the Chelsea and England midfielder, of assaulting a taxi-driver.

Ferguson, nicknamed "Duncan Disorderly", who in 1993 set a British record fee of £4 million when transferred to Rangers, has three previous convictions for assault. Sheriff Alexander Eccles referred to the convictions. He told Ferguson, 23, that he was jailing him in the public interest and to bring home to the Everton forward that such behaviour could not be tolerated from someone who was looked up to by young people.

After a two-day trial earlier this month, the 6ft 4in forward had been found guilty of head-butting John McStay, the Raith Rovers defender, in a Scottish Premier Division match at Ibrox Park on April 16 last year. The Scottish Football Association has already imposed a 12-match ban, which is in abeyance pending the appeal.

Two hours after being sentenced, Ferguson's lawyers obtained his "interim liberty" from Sheriff Eccles, who heard the application in private. After he was released from custody, Ferguson left the court with his lawyer Donald Findlay. Both declined to comment.

Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, who brought Ferguson to Goodison Park last season, said the club fully supported Ferguson.

Sheriff Eccles had earlier described the assault as a "serious offence and totally unacceptable behaviour. On this particular occasion, I would accept it took place against a background of a highly charged football match which, like many other sports, is a contact sport involving a certain amount of violence. In addition, the other player was not seriously injured."

However, the Sheriff went on to say that it was a "clearly deliberate act", which took part not in the course of play but after a stoppage. The referee did not see the incident but it was reported to the football authorities and the police because it was extensively shown on television.

In giving evidence, McStay had said the incident was a "clash of heads. I could not say if it was an accident or not." The judge subsequently warned the Raith player: "Do you understand the meaning of perjury? It is lying under oath. It is a serious offence."



Ferguson: found guilty

Mr Findlay argued yesterday that it was a heat-of-the-moment incident by a young man, who had since matured and that other incidents in football had not been followed by prosecutions. He said that as a youngster showing considerable talent, Ferguson had attracted the attentions of people "who were not always well disposed to him".

In January 1992, Ferguson was fined £125 for head-butting a policeman. In March 1993, he was fined £200 for assaulting a man on crutches in a taxi queue. Six months later he was almost jailed when a judge in Fife told him to grow up after punching a stranger in a bar.

Since arriving at Everton, he has been sent off against Arsenal and Leicester City and received a drink-driving ban.

Mormons cry foul at ban by Christian soccer league

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A MORMON football team is to appeal to local soccer authorities after being refused entry to a church league on grounds of doctrine.

While the Mormons, from Gillingham in Kent, say they are Christian, organisers of the Medway and District Inter-Church Football League claim that they are not Christian enough — if at all.

One league member said: "They hold a completely different view of salvation and who Jesus Christ is, which makes them incompatible with the aim of the league, which is to bring people to salvation through Jesus." The eight-strong league, founded in 1991, includes Anglican, Baptist and independent churches, but as yet no Roman Catholic church has applied to join. Games are usually preceded by prayers and members afterwards will often make time to give thanks for a good game and the opportunity to witness to their faith.

Richard Hayton, a former police officer who chairs the league and who is pastor of Parkwood Christian Fellowship, said: "We have been accused of showing an unchristian attitude, which I find sad." He said the league was about more than football. "It is an opportunity to share the gospel of good news of Jesus Christ and what he's done for us."

He conceded that the application by the Mormons could have been interpreted as a good opportunity for them to be converted but said not one of eight people entitled to vote supported the Mormons at the league's annual meeting.

The Mormon team manager, David Tulip, 26, a computer engineer, is to take the case to the Kent County Football Association, accusing the league of "churchist" discrimination. He said: "We were willing to take the chance that they might convert us. I can't see why they wanted to object.

"The league's statement of purpose claims it exists to allow church football teams to play friendly matches against other church sides at competitive level. It also claims to uphold Christian standards while playing and supporting, to set an example to spectators and to encourage involvement in the church.

"These are rules we wholeheartedly agree with. We too are a Christian organisation and we want to be involved with the community. This is discrimination as much as sexism or racism. It's churchist." The Mormon XI, with players aged 16 to 45, has played informally for five years in local leagues, in its blue strip with white sleeves and black shorts, but wanted the heightened competition of the church league. Mr Tulip said: "We are not a perfect team but no one has ever been sent off for fouls and we do not swear."

Shirley Bleakley, a Mormon spokeswoman, said: "We are Christians and we do believe in Jesus Christ and so I can't understand why this league cannot accept us because all we are trying to do is become part of the community."

She added: "This is a ridiculous situation to be in. After all, this is just a game of football."



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NHS executive among 12 dead after pilot told air traffic control his engine had been hit by lightning

Boy overheard last words from doomed aircraft

By Harvey Elliott
Ronnie Faux and
Paul Wilkinson

A SCHOOLBOY scanning the airwaves on his radio receiver heard the last moments of the commuter aircraft that crashed in a Yorkshire field, killing 12 people.

Stephen Saunders, 11, heard the pilot telling the control tower at Leeds-Bradford airport that his engine had been hit by lightning. "He said he had 12 people on board and that the plane was starting to stall. His voice sounded quite calm."

Stephen, of Kendall, Cumbria, said he was convinced he heard a transmission from the doomed plane. "The reception was a bit crackly and I could not hear what the controller was saying to him, but I heard him give an eight and a six, which were part of the correct flight number."

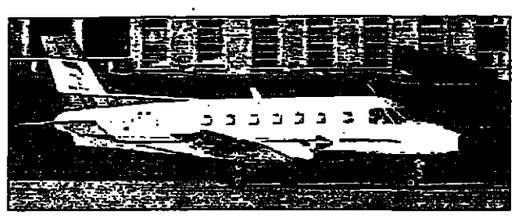
The boy, who was given the set as a birthday present by his grandfather, said his experience had not deterred him from his ambition of becoming an airline pilot.

The Bandeirante aircraft did not carry flight data or cockpit voice recorders, and its wreckage was spread over a wide area. Stephen's evidence, with recordings made by air traffic controllers at Leeds-Bradford, is likely to be vital to experts from the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch.

The short-haul plane, operated by the commuter airline Knight Air and on a scheduled service from Leeds to Aberdeen, weighed fractionally under the 5,700kg limit above which all passenger aircraft have to carry the recorders.



Philip Race, left; Stephen Saunders and his radio; and a Knight Air plane at Leeds-Bradford yesterday



Knight Air is one of 151 "Type B" airlines in Britain licensed to fly aircraft with between two and 19 seats. Tim Russell, the company's commercial director, said it was too early to speculate on the cause of the crash, but significantly no prohibition had been issued on flights by its three other Bandeirante aircraft. He said the crew were "vastly experienced" and the aircraft was regarded as a reliable type suited to flying in all weathers.

The crashed aircraft carried the registration number G-OEAA and had been delivered new to Jersey European Airways in 1980. It had remained on the British register and was used by a number of small operators before being taken over by Knight Air in 1993.

Among the dead was Philip Race, director of human resources at Aberdeen Royal Hospitals NHS Trust. Mr Race, 48, who was originally from the London area, moved to Scotland in December 1992 with his wife Elizabeth and three children, two teenage boys and a 10-year-old girl.

Mr Race had recently been involved in pay negotiations with health service unions. He was a member of a number of working groups, including the Scottish Health Services Personnel Directors Group. He had been in Leeds for a meeting of senior NHS personnel.

Ivy Wolsey, a pensioner in her late seventies, was flying from her home in Bradford to Aberdeen to see her grandchildren. Her son, Pete Wolsey, a freelance television cameraman, was waiting at Aberdeen airport to meet her.

Mrs Wolsey had not seen the children for several months and was said to have been looking forward to the visit. The family live in the village of St Cyrus, Grampian.

The other names on the flight passenger list were last night given as:

Dennis Davis, 48, of Pontefract, West Yorkshire; Kathleen Duguid of Aberdeen; Philip Hutchinson of Aberdeen; William Ingram, 61, of Aberdeen; Carl McGrath, 27, of Glasgow; Christopher Tomkin, 32, of Keighley, West Yorkshire; and Raymond Nettleton, 50, of Bradford.

The flight crew were John Casson, 49, of Halifax; Paul Denton, of Huddersfield; and Helen Leadbetter, 22, of Halifax.



The field in which the commuter plane crashed on Wednesday, killing nine passengers and three crew

Tourist saw pallets in road near site of coach crash

By Lin Jenkins

AN AUSTRALIAN tourist who drove along the M4 shortly after a coach crashed on Tueday with the loss of ten lives has told police there were wooden pallets littering the carriageway.

Police investigating the cause of the accident have appealed for information about a flatbed lorry that is believed to have shed its load of wood or pallets on the motorway.

Don Avard, 59, a property developer from Adelaide, saw a number of pallets in the carriageway and vehicles hitting them or swerving to avoid the debris. Stephen Brown, 39, the driver of the coach from Laguna Coaches, Bournemouth, said in a statement to police that he swerved to avoid "an object" in his path.

Accident investigators, who were continuing to examine the scene and the mangled wreckage of the coach yesterday, said that on initial inspection there was no obvious defect in the vehicle. They confirmed that remains of wooden pallets had been found near the crash.

PC Ian Chadwick, of Avon and Somerset Police, said that the flatbed lorry, which could have been blue, may have passed the scene shortly before the accident or stopped close to the scene itself.

Mr Avard said: "I was at the spot where the coach went off the motorway about 30 seconds after the accident happened. There were a number of wooden pallets strewn across the carriageway. They were being broken up by the passing traffic while other drivers were having to swerve to avoid the debris. I can only assume that perhaps the pallets fell off a vehicle travelling in front of the coach and the driver had to swerve to avoid them."

Police yesterday named the remaining four of the ten people who died when the coach crashed near Bristol as it coach returned from a Royal British Legion outing. They were Bill Brooks, 68, a retired factory worker and his wife Phyllis, 65, an office cleaner, of Christchurch, Dorset; Kathleen Coombes, 76, of Chichester, West Sussex; and David Law, 73, of Christchurch.

Of the 19 injured, 11 remained in hospital yesterday. Three were in a serious condition in intensive care.

Representatives from the Royal British Legion visited the site of the crash yesterday for a wreath-laying ceremony. Major John Cox, welfare officer of the Christchurch branch, laid a wreath of poppies on top of the concrete culvert that brought the coach to a halt as it slid on its roof into a gully. The wreath was from members of the Christchurch Legion and read simply: "In Memory of Our Comrades."

He was joined at the scene by Gillian Lees, wife of Commander John Lees. Mrs Lees laid a number of floral tributes alongside the wreath and stood beside the major for a moment's contemplation. Her husband, who served on the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, watched silently.

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Boy, 14, died trying to save horse on M4

A SCHOOLBOY died trying to rescue a horse that had escaped from a horsebox and was running across a motorway, an inquest was told yesterday.

Richard Bryan, 14, of Letton, Hereford and Worcester, was clinging to the horse's neck when a car struck and killed them. The boy's uncle, Lionel Bowen, who was driving the horsebox, said: "Richard was a dedicated horseman and he put his own life in danger trying to save the horse."

Mr Bowen, a horse dealer, was returning from a Bristol show to a farm in Haverfordwest, Dyfed, when the accident happened on the M4 near Swansea. He told the Swansea hearing that he had stopped on the hard shoulder because the four horses in the vehicle were restless. Richard Morgan, the Swansea and Gower Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

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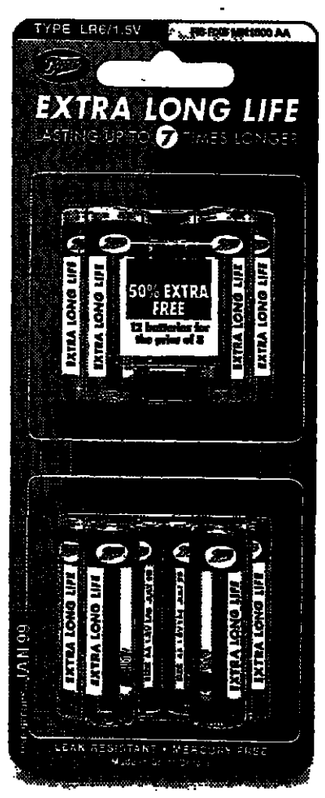
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'It's legal, but it's still a way around taxes. We live in days when you have to be whiter than white'

Grid chairman's rich pickings earn him poor publicity

By Martin Waller

THE share options package that has made David Jefferies, the once little-known chairman of the National Grid, a rich man has also brought him two helpings of public condemnation.

The claim in February by Gordon Brown, the Labour economics spokesman, that when the Grid is floated this year Mr Jefferies would receive a £2 million windfall from his options and pay package, prompted a tabloid newspaper to rename the company "The National Greed".

The news yesterday that he avoided some of the tax burden by transferring shares to his wife Jeanette has put him back on the front pages. His legal tax-avoidance plan, shared by three other Grid directors, is common practice across industry.

But the Grid options differ in one important way. Normal share options rely on the movement of share prices on the stock market, a process largely beyond the control of those executives they benefit.

The Grid shares are traded on a hypothetical internal market within the company. Their value, which determines the profits available on buying and selling them, is set arbitrarily by a firm of accountants employed by the Grid.

The attitude of other public utilities to share transfers varies widely. Brian Staples, chief executive of North West Water, said he had an informal internal policy against share transfers if they were used to reduce tax liability. "While it's legal, it's still a way around paying higher taxes. We live in days when you have to be whiter than white."

Ed Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, and John Rennocks, his finance director, said that they had transferred some of their shares into their wives' names. Mr Wallis said: "I think it's such a common thing in the industry and in business that I don't think I'm prepared to give you details."

British Gas said that none of the company's directors had transferred shares to spouses in the past year, but there was no internal policy against such transfers. British Telecom said that share transfers were routine at the company.



Jefferies: £730,000 shares

The National Grid, the network of pylons and other connectors across England and Wales that transfers energy from the power stations to the regional electricity companies, has always been an anomaly within the electricity industry.

While the two fossil fuel generators and the 12 regional companies were sold direct to the public, the Grid was kept in the hands of the industry. Its shares are held jointly by the 12 regional companies and the enormous profits that the business makes — £611 million before tax in the latest financial year — go to fund dividend payments to the companies. But management and employees, as normal in British industry, also have holdings acquired by save-as-you-earn schemes and share options.

Mr Jefferies, 61, has spent almost all his working life in the electricity industry. The Grid issued a new option scheme in February 1991. But because it has no stock market quotation, the value of its shares is assessed according to complicated mathematical formulae by Coopers & Lybrand, the company's accountant. This notional price is used to assess the profit available from the options.

Mr Jefferies cashed in on the scheme last September. His dealings in the internal market left him with 89,000 shares worth about £730,000. Almost 59,000 were transferred to his wife to minimise the tax he will eventually have to pay on them. A similar exercise was carried out by John Uttley, the finance director, and two other directors, Eric Chefneux and Colin Gibson. The value of the shares they own between them is put at £650,000.

National Grid yesterday referred inquiries to Brunswick, a City public relations firm, which said: "Coopers & Lybrand advise that many married executives make absolute gifts to their spouses of shares in their company which they have acquired from the exercise of share options.

"This practice, which is completely legal, may result in a small saving in capital gains tax if the shares are sold and enables an individual to share his or her wealth with their spouse. Coopers & Lybrand's experience is that a large majority of executives make gifts of shares in this way."

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Jeanette Jefferies: "We were well aware that this issue would be raised"

I'm totally happy, says chief's wife

By Dominic Kennedy

JEANETTE JEFFERIES, wife of National Grid's chairman, said yesterday that the Grid shares he transferred to her had only a theoretical value. "It's notional, it's paper, isn't it?" said Mrs Jefferies, 63, at her home on a private estate favoured by millionaires.

Mrs Jefferies, whose shares have an estimated value of £330,000, said: "Shares can go up and down. I don't know how they can put a figure on it. I know everything that has been going on. I understand that it's completely legal. I'm totally happy."

Mrs Jefferies, a retired philatelist, said: "I've paid tax as well. We talked about it, as we discuss everything."

She defended the £350,000 profit her husband had made by selling shares in the Grid. "Money he has taken has been ploughed back into the company. We were well aware that this issue would be raised. He told me that all this was going to have press coverage. After privatisation all the 12 regional chairmen went through a similar thing. They are still going through similar things and we realised it would be our turn." Mrs Jefferies said she did not know how many shares she held in the Grid.

The couple, who have no children, have been married for 37 years and have lived on the Wentworth Estate in Virginia Water, Surrey, for 18 years. Their neighbours include the entertainers Bruce Forsyth and Russ Abbot and the golfers Sam Torrance and Sandy Lyle. The Duchess of York uses the video rental store at the end of the private road. Their detached, four-bedroom redbrick house is worth £300,000 and she says they intend to stay there.

Mrs Jefferies said that she spent 25 years working for a firm specialising in colonial stamps. The work took her 18 years ago to South Africa. She still has friends there and the couple spend their annual overseas holiday at Cape Town.

How transfer can save £6,000 tax bill

By Anne Ashworth

A CAPITAL gains tax saving of up to £6,205 can be made by transferring shares from an executive shares scheme to a director's wife if she has no income of her own. The cost of the transaction is a mere 50p, the stamp duty on the deed of gift that puts the shares into the wife's name. There is no tax to pay on this transaction.

The savings come from using the annual capital gains tax exemption, and from exploiting lower tax rates. You pay capital gains tax at your highest income tax rate.

Maurice Parry-Wingfield, tax partner at the accountants Touche Ross, said: "Whereas the husband would be subject to capital gains tax at the top income tax rate of 40 per cent his wife, provided she has little or no income of her own and has made no capital gains, would have the benefit of the annual capital gains tax allowance of £6,000 and of the lower and basic rate of tax. You pay tax at 20 per cent on the first £3,200 of taxable income and at 25 per cent on the next £21,100 worth of income. The wife saves £2,400 by using her capital gains exemption and a further £3,800 by the use of the lower tax rates."

Even if the wife decides not to sell the shares, the transfer limits the income tax on the dividends, as the wife gets the benefit of her personal allowance of £3,525, plus the lower and the basic rates of tax.

Accountants said yesterday that the share transfers arrangements amounted to sensible tax planning for married couples. Maurice Fitzpatrick, tax specialist at accountants Chantrey Vellacott, said: "This is sound advice which I would give."

A spokesman for National Grid said that he was unaware whether the board members had taken individual advice or whether the company had consulted tax experts on their behalf.

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The Times is looking for the country's brightest and best filmwriting talent. First prize is an all-expenses-paid trip to Hollywood with introductions to pitch the winning script to key executives at the major studios.

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The competition is open to anyone aged 16 and over, writing in the English language, who has no feature-film credits in the professional cinema.

Full details of how to enter appeared in yesterday's paper and will appear again on Monday. Applicants must enclose four of the six tokens we will be publishing until next Wednesday on page four or five of the newspaper. Closing date for entries is first post on Monday, June 26 1995.



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Brain drain goes into reverse

Oxford tempts back its lost academics

By Ben Preston
Education Correspondent



Lucas: vice-chancellor

THE "brain drain" operated in reverse yesterday as Oxford University announced the appointment of two senior academics previously lost to the United States.

Professor Colin Lucas, a historian, was named as the Vice-Chancellor to usher the ancient university into the 21st century. He was lured back to Oxford from the University of Chicago only last September as Master of Balliol College. New College also disclosed that Alan Ryan, currently professor of politics at Princeton University, will become Warden in September 1996.

Professor Lucas, a scholar of the French Revolution, will take the helm at a critical time when he succeeds Dr Peter North in 1997. Oxford is on the brink of far-reaching decisions with a commission of inquiry re-examining fundamental relationships between colleges and the university, and dons and students.

The commission is charged with keeping Oxford among the world's leading universities at a time when competition is international and increasingly fierce. Professor Lucas will be expected to push through any programme of reform recommended by the commission, which is even reviewing such sacred cows as the college system and individual undergraduate tutorials.

Professor Lucas said yesterday: "My task is to continue to make Oxford great into the new century, maintaining its supremacy in an environment that has changed and will continue to change." He said he regarded the next two years as Vice-Chancellor elect as an apprenticeship: "I will look into every corner of the university."

Professor Lucas was a fellow and senior tutor at Balliol from 1973 to 1990. He left to become Professor of History and then Dean of the Division of Social Sciences at Chicago.

Professor Lucas follows two previous Masters of Balliol to the post, Benjamin Jowett (1882) and Alexander Lindsay (1935). Professor Ryan was a lecturer at Oxford from 1969 to 1978, then reader in politics until 1987.

CHRIS HARRIS



During eight years in office, Judge Tumim fought to end "slopping out" in jails

Tumim to retire as jail inspector

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

JUDGE Tumim is to step down as Chief Inspector of Prisons after eight years, during which he has visited almost every jail in England and Wales.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has decided not to extend the judge's term in office when it ends in November. Judge Tumim, 64, said last night: "Both the Home Secretary and I think eight years is about right. It has been a very successful period."

The judge, the first member of the judiciary to be chief inspector, will be remembered for his drive to end "slopping out" and the increased media profile he has given prisons. During his years in office he has drawn attention to the inefficiency, squalor and barbaric conditions in jails and the extent of bullying and drug abuse. Recently his reports have also highlighted improvements.

Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said Judge Tumim had played a vital role in forcing the pace of change. "He has had a remarkable impact both inside prisons and by alerting the public to what they were like. It was entirely because of his championing of the cause of internal sanitation that slopping out has ended so quickly."

Judge Tumim, a circuit judge, became Chief Inspector of Prisons in November 1987 for an initial five years, which was renewed for three more by Kenneth Clarke. He quickly made his mark by issuing a report in 1988 describing conditions at Risley remand centre near Warrington, Cheshire, as "barbarous and squalid".

He had a flair for public relations, which he employed to call for far-reaching reform in many television and radio appearances. There is no doubt that some of his criticisms have exasperated the Home Office.

He said earlier this year: "I don't set out to be a nuisance. My job is to tell the truth as I see it and the truth can be a little embarrassing."



Test points to potential brittle bone sufferers

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

DOCTORS have developed a blood test for identifying people at genetic risk of osteoporosis, the brittle bone disease that affects four million women in this country and is estimated to cause 50,000 hip fractures a year.

A team at St Thomas's Hospital, London, has devised the test, which identifies a genetic defect present in 20 per cent of the population that predisposes individuals to the disease. Doctors believe that, by identifying those at risk, treatment can be started early to keep the disease under control.

The test follows two years of research on nearly 200 pairs of twins. The twins, who were past the menopause, were studied for the presence of the vitamin D receptor gene that can occur in three different forms. Those with the "at risk" variant — 20 per cent of the total — had a lower bone density than their siblings, which could mean a 50 per cent increase in susceptibility to fractures. Dr Tim Spector said: "What this proves is that bone density is strongly influenced by genetics."

The St Thomas's work is funded by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council and published in the *British Medical Journal*.

Vaccine to fight Aids becomes step closer

By Our Health Correspondent

SCIENTISTS have moved closer to developing a vaccine against Aids. Doctors at the National Institute of Biological Standards and Control in Hertfordshire are claiming a significant advance after developing a vaccine that has protected monkeys against infection with simian immunodeficiency virus, the monkey form of HIV.

Their success proves that an effective Aids vaccine is feasible, counter to claims by some scientists that the complexity of the virus makes it impossible to protect against, they say in *The Lancet*. To be effective, the vaccine has to work against HIV-infected cells as well as free virus particles.

Dr Neil Almond and colleagues at the institute vaccinated eight monkeys with a live virus that had been treated to make it weaker and no longer infectious. They investigated monkeys because the disease SIV is similar to HIV infection in humans.

The monkeys were challenged with the full-strength virus nine months later. None of the eight developed the disease but eight unvaccinated all became infected. Dr John Beale says the research is the one bright prospect amid the widespread gloom over work on an Aids vaccine.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Why the Prince took his blood to Kenya

WHEN the Prince of Wales visited Kenya he offended the local medical establishment by taking his own cross-matched blood with him.

His action was described as an example of Western arrogance, but recent research by Dr Guillermo Herrera of the Federal Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States has vindicated his medical advisers.

Dr Patrick Osewe, a Kenyan research worker now based in Atlanta, has reported Dr Herrera's research in the journal *East African*. Testing in a sophisticated pathological laboratory in the States showed that the tests on the blood used *in five Kenyan* government hospitals were dangerously misleading.

When the blood was retested in the States it was found that a quarter of the samples which had been classified as being safe were in fact HIV positive. This lethal blood had been transfused into patients.

Few travellers can carry stocks of refrigerated blood. Dr Peter Barrett, of the travel health consultants MASTA, suggests that the holidaymaker's best bet is to take a sterile needle and syringe pack, obtainable from a British Airways travel clinic, and to join the Blood Care Foundation, a charity for which British Airways travel clinics are agents. The foundation provides checked blood abroad.

Blood donated in Britain and most big capitals is tested for HIV. But the test only picks up antibodies to the Aids virus, indicating its presence three months after infection.

The risk of acquiring HIV if infected blood slips through this "window" is estimated at one in a million but the danger rises sharply in areas where many people carry the virus. Highest risk areas are sub-Saharan Africa, Thailand, New York and Los Angeles.

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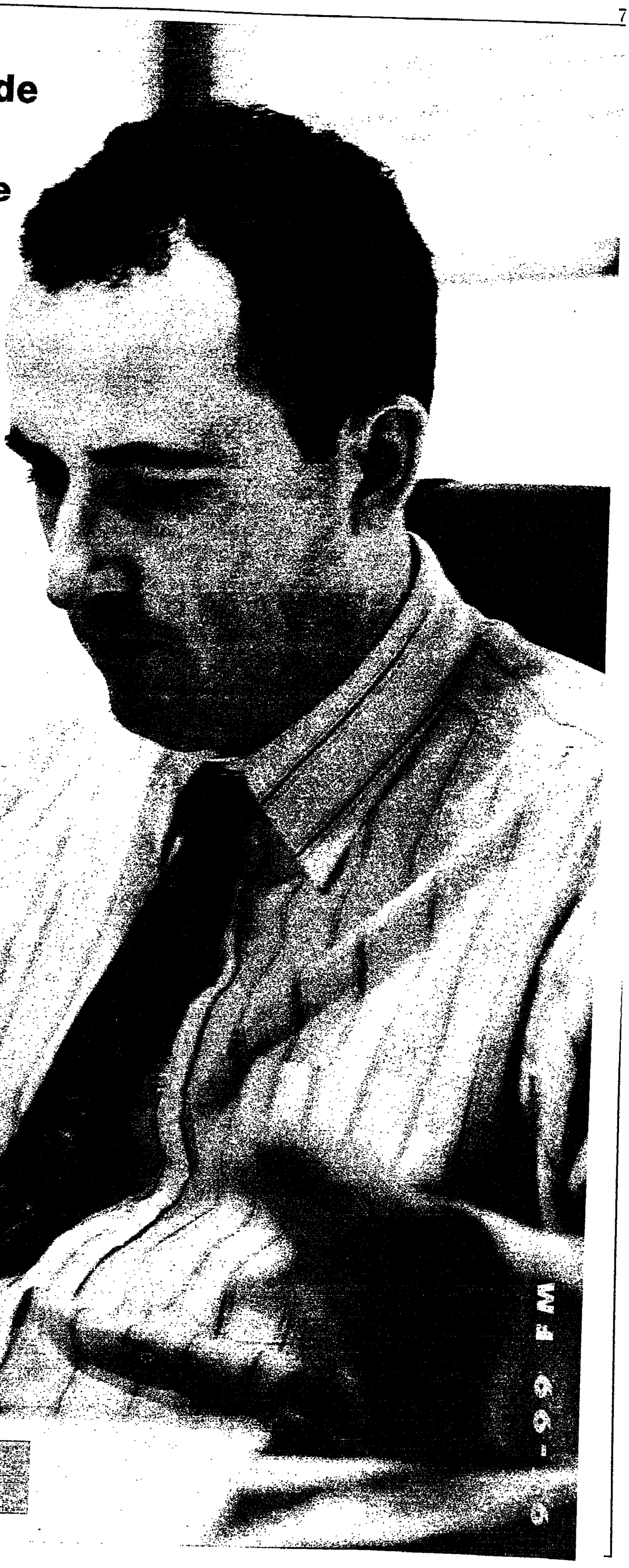
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Lord Chief Justice backs reform of murder sentencing

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR legal figures, including the Lord Chief Justice, are pressing for a change in the law to end the secrecy over how long murderers should spend behind bars.

In a move likely to be strongly resisted by the Government, Lord Taylor of Gosforth is joined by Lord Ackner, the law lord, and Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, in pressing for a reform that would bring into the open judges' recommendations on the length of life sentences. Lord Taylor is supporting a new clause to the Criminal Appeals Bill, which will be debated on June 8 in the Lords, tabled by Lords Ackner and Alexander yesterday.

At present, judges make secret recommendations on the minimum period a murderer should serve to the Home Secretary. He makes the final decision, sometimes increasing it, as in the case of the two boys convicted of murdering James Bulger.

Lord Taylor said: "I see no justification for maintaining secrecy in the advice the Home Secretary receives from the judiciary in murder cases.

"When the death penalty was abolished, it was accepted that the procedure for setting the so-called tariff period [the minimum period judges believe the murderer should serve to satisfy requirements of retribution and deterrence] should be confidential. But times have moved on. The public, quite rightly in my view, now expects decisions to be taken, and justified, in public wherever possible."

The clause would enable judges to state in open court how long they think a murderer should serve after hearing argument from counsel on both sides. Prisoners would have the right of appeal against the sentence, and the Home Secretary would still retain the right to change the recommendation.

The present system is shrouded in secrecy. Judges have to fill out a confidential form, stating their recommendation for the minimum sentence. The trial judge passes the recommendation to the Lord Chief Justice who makes his own and passes them to the Home Secretary.

Since a recent Court of Appeal ruling, prisoners are told of the recommended minimum term. They have no right of appeal, however, because it is not defined under present law as a sentence.

Judges are also critical of the present system because it conflicts with the imposition of a discretionary life sentence, such as for rape or manslaughter. This is done in open court and prisoners can appeal.

Lord Taylor said: "I find the distinction hard to justify, and I doubt it makes much sense to the general public."

Lord Ackner said it was hard to see how the Government could resist the new clause as it did not affect the Home Secretary's power to set the length of time a murderer should remain in prison.

"What it does do is to bring the procedure in mandatory murder cases closer to that where a judge imposes life in a discretionary case, many of which are far more serious cases of homicide involving a greater degree of violence and threat to the community."

Discretionary life sentences could involve a serious case of arson or an attempted terrorist attack, whereas a mandatory life sentence might be imposed for a mercy killing or killing of a violent husband by a battered wife. However, the first would be dealt with openly, and granted a right of appeal, while the mandatory cases would not. "The present anomalies are quite indefensible," Lord Ackner said.



Coronation Street's brassy barmaid Bet Gilroy is to leave the soap after 25 years

Landlady Bet quits the Street on a high note

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE actress Julie Goodyear, who as *Coronation Street*'s Bet Gilroy has been loved by two generations of viewers, is to leave the country's most popular television show after 25 years.

Miss Goodyear, who plays the brassy landlady of the Rovers Return pub in the ITV soap opera, said she was leaving to pursue other interests and spend more time with her family. The announcement coincided with news that *Coronation Street*'s cast, production team and writers had been awarded the gold medal in the Royal Television Society's annual awards.

The society's judges praised the programme last night for "creating a national institution and legendary characters who can take their place for ever at the heart of our popular culture". The show attracts 18 million viewers three times a week.

Miss Goodyear, who first appeared as a worker in a local raincoat factory in 1966, became a regular character in 1970. She said yesterday that it would be a "tremendous wrench" to go, but added that she hoped an option would be left open for her to return to the show one day. "This isn't goodbye. It is *au revoir*. I could never leave the Street for good.

"I have spent 25 very happy years with *Coronation Street*. It has been a privilege to play such a strong character as Bet and the decision to leave has been one of the most difficult I've ever had to make," she said. She is known to be considering a role in a film by Kay Mellor, who wrote the recent ITV drama *Band of Gold*.

Miss Goodyear is widely regarded as a fine character actress and has become an essential part of *Coronation Street*, developing Bet Gilroy (*née* Lynch) into a strong-willed woman with a heart of gold. Usually decked out in ostentatious ear-rings and heavily made-up, she has a sharp sense of humour and unbeatable line in witty one-liners.

She could always be relied on in a crisis. When a coach crashed into the pub she reponded typically: "I hardly ever cry. You can't afford to when you've got this much mascara on."

Miss Goodyear once attributed her character's popularity to her "bounce-backability". She added yesterday that she hoped viewers' enduring memory of Bet would be: "At least she tried."

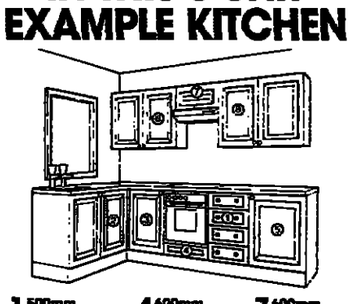
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Deal defeated in fight to keep Royal Marines

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Marines school of music at Deal, the scene of an IRA bomb that killed 11 bandsmen, is to be closed despite an emotional campaign to prevent the school being moved to Portsmouth.

The confirmation yesterday by Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, caused an outcry from people in the Kent town, which has had a Royal Marine presence for 200 years.

David Shaw, the Tory MP for Dover, claimed the Ministry of Defence's figures justifying the closure of the barracks were "bunkum" and appealed to John Major to intervene. The former mayor of Deal, Marianne McNicholas, who took office shortly before the IRA bombing in 1989, joined the chorus of protests against the decision.

She said: "Eleven young men were blown apart by the IRA but this doesn't seem to count. We have had 200 years of links with the Marines. It's part of our heritage and now the Ministry of Defence is going to take it away."

In February, the Royal Marines celebrated the 50th anniversary of becoming Freemen of the town. The intention to transfer the music school to Portsmouth was announced in July last year as part of the Frontline First defence costs study, which had to find savings of £750 million. A period of consultation was declared before a final decision.

The MoD highlighted Deal as an example of waste by claiming that it cost £6 million a year to run, and £300,000 to train each bandsman. The ministry said that moving the music school to Portsmouth would save £3 million a year.

Yesterday, after receiving a letter from Mr Soames apologising for the decision to go ahead with the closure, Mr Shaw denounced the MoD figures. "They divided the overheads by the number of students at the school but left out the numerous trained musicians based at Deal who go around the country giving concerts," he said. Mr Shaw said a study by the accountants Ernst & Young showed that savings would be only £2 million over four years, and he dismissed the MoD's claim that only four of the 127 music school staff at Deal would be needed at Portsmouth.

Mr Shaw rejected Mr Soames's claim that the three sites at Deal could be sold for a profit. He said: "An independent valuer (Cluttons) valued the sites at minus £5 million. There are 69 buildings on the sites and three are listed so it would cost £5 million more to maintain them than a developer could make by building houses."

In his letter, Mr Soames told the MP: "There have been a number of difficult decisions arising from Frontline First and this ranks amongst the most difficult."

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Sir Peter: "Our duty to help disaffected youth"

Army sets a challenge for bored youngsters

BY MICHAEL EVANS

GENERAL Sir Peter de la Billière, the Gulf War commander, launched an initiative yesterday to draw "crime-vulnerable youngsters" off the streets. Sir Peter, president of the Army Cadet Force Association, said the youth organisation wanted to help "disaffected and bored" young people who hung around on the streets.

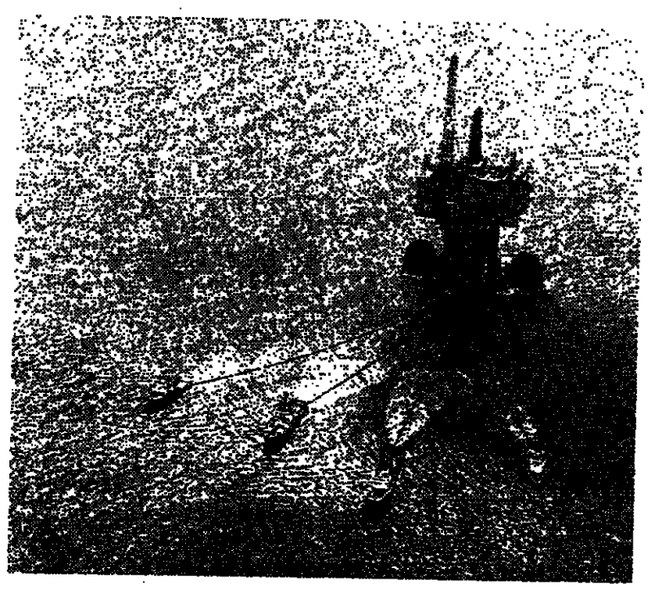
The youth and community initiative will help underprivileged young people to share the benefits experienced by more than 40,000 cadets in 1,650 detachments throughout the country. The Army Cadet Force plans to offer young people in 20 cities the chance to get away from city life and take part in a number of challenging activities.

Sir Peter said: "Essentially they are the same marvellous youngsters I had around me in my platoon 40 years ago and let us not forget that many are the grandchildren of those who saved this country in World War Two."

Speaking at St James's Palace in the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh, colonel-in-chief of the association, Sir Peter said: "It is not only our duty to do what we can to help them with a bit of care and leadership but it is in all our interests to do so." He said the Government supported the project.

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Poll offers Major little comfort as spring revival is reversed and Labour strength endures

Tories see support slipping back in former heartland

BY PETER RIDDELL

TORY support has dropped to near its lowest ever levels in its traditional strongholds in the South and among the middle classes, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The modest Tory revival seen during the spring has been reversed. The party's rating has dropped from 26 to 22 per cent since the end of April, while Labour has advanced from 56 to 58 per cent, with the Liberal Democrats up one point at 16 per cent.

The normal figures have been re-calculated to take account of the tendency of some Tory supporters not to reveal their voting intentions. After adjusting the "don't knows" for their past declared votes, Tory support is shown five points higher at 27 per cent, with Labour four points down at 54 per cent and the Liberal Democrats one point lower on 15 per cent. This is a much bigger adjustment than before and suggests that some previous Tory supporters have become "don't knows", while Labour waverers may have firmed up their intentions.

The biggest worry for the Tories is their continued weakness in southern England, where the party suffered sweeping losses in the local elections three weeks ago. Tory support has dropped *from 34 to 26 per cent over the* past month.

Labour's rating in the region has been about 48 per cent in recent months, compared with an average for the Tories of about 30 per cent. Liberal Democrat support has picked up recently, but is lower than it was a couple of years ago because of the rise of Labour.

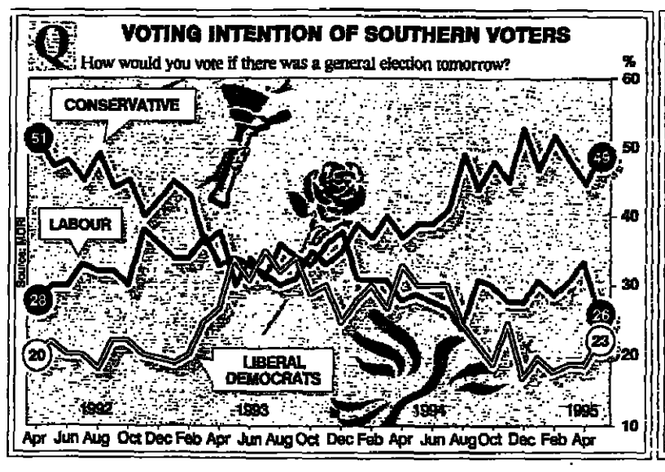


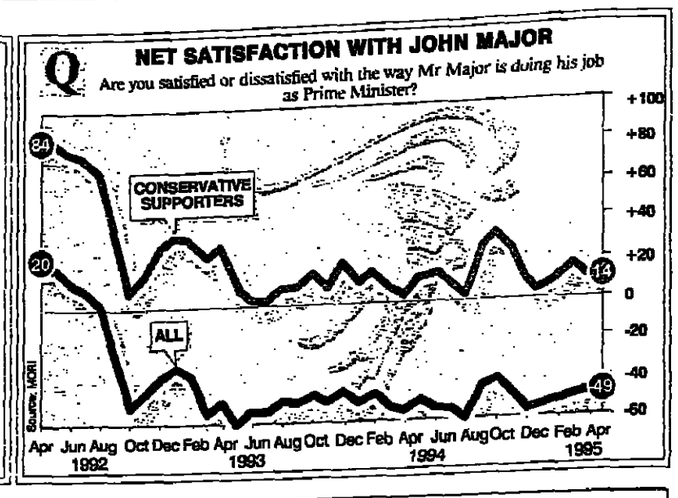
Major: his rating shows no sign of recovery

Tory support in the middle classes is now 31 per cent, down four points since late April, while Labour has *advanced from 45 to 49 per cent.* This is only just below the largest ever Labour lead in the middle classes of 19 points last December.

The poll shows that the public remains uncertain about the strength of the economic recovery. The economic optimism index, measuring the balance of those expecting the general economic condition of the country to improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, now stands at minus 18 points, compared with minus 16 points at the end of April. This is similar to recent months.

The public is more worried about the health service. The number of people mentioning this as among the most important issues facing Britain today has risen three points to 44 per cent over the past month, the highest level since February 1992. Unemployment remains top of the list.





Voters in the South make above average mentions of the NHS, education, the economy, taxation and Europe among the most important issues.

There is little comfort for John Major in the latest poll. His personal rating dropped sharply in autumn 1992 after the forced departure of sterling from the European exchange-rate mechanism and, despite the occasional upward blip, continues to bounce along the bottom with no signs of a pick-up. His net rating, satisfied less dissatisfied, is still heavily negative among the public generally, and is not very high even among the reduced band of Tory supporters. His rating is lowest among men rather than women, among those aged 25 to 34, unskilled workers and full-time workers.

By contrast, Tony Blair's rating, which slipped last month, has picked up following his victory over Clause Four a month ago. The public is satisfied with his performance by a two-to-one margin with Labour supporters nearly six to one in favour. Mr Blair's rating is highest among men, 25 to 34-year-olds, those living in Scotland and council tenants.

Paddy Ashdown enjoys an even more favourable rating among his own party's supporters, and his party's standing has been picking up.

☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,869 adults at 146 ward sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on May 19 to 22. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (8 per cent) or refuse to name a party (3 per cent).*

Voters remain opposed to English assemblies

THE public favours a devolved assembly in Scotland but remains strongly opposed to regional government in England, according to a MORI poll (Peter Riddell writes).

The poll is part of the State of Nation survey commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust and based on interviews with 2,141 adults undertaken between April 21 and May 8.

In Scotland, half the public favour a devolved assembly with some tax and spending powers, the position of both Labour and the Liberal Democrats, while just a fifth support the call of the Scottish Nationalists for Scotland to be independent. Less than a tenth want independence outside the EU and just 17 per cent believe in no change from the present system.

There is broadly similar support for a devolved Scottish assembly from people living in the rest of Britain, though a smaller number back full-scale independence. Four fifths of Scots favour a referendum in Scotland to decide whether a devolved assembly should be set up.

Despite an increase in support since 1991 in Britain as a whole for a devolved assembly in Scotland, there has been no increase in the popular appeal of regional government for the rest of Britain. Three fifths remain opposed, including more than half of Labour supporters.

The poll shows that the Scots have a far more established sense of national identity than the English. Three in ten voters north of the border say they are Scottish, not British. By contrast, just one in eight of the English said they were English, not British.

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Thatcher 'lived in a Churchillian dream world'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS THATCHER lived in a dream world based on a romantic Churchillian vision of a past Britain that never actually existed, according to one of her closest advisers. The former Prime Minister's unswerving faith in the values of Sir Winston Churchill prompted her to recite his name aloud in times of crisis.

Patrick Cosgrave says that her deep, almost fanciful attachment to Churchill's beliefs and her "imaginative" view of Britain's past were central to her determination to remain in power.

Lady Thatcher's former adviser recalls in a television interview her first severe split with Cabinet colleagues in 1981 over her economic plans. "I remember her at the time again and again repeating, like a Mantra, "Churchill in 1940, Churchill in 1940, Churchill in 1940", referring to her predecessor's Cabinet battle over his refusal to negotiate with Hitler.

"She used to play Churchill's soundtracks quite regularly. She used to refer to him as Winston, as an old friend, a mate, but that is the way she thought of it. She had this very powerful and very romantic view of what her country had been and how she was going to remake it."

Mr Cosgrave's recollection of Lady Thatcher's reliance on Churchill is highlighted in the third episode of *The Living Dead*, a BBC2 series that begins on Tuesday. In it he also suggests that she was prone to rewriting history and even inventing current popular opinion. Last weekend, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said Lady Thatcher, who is preparing for the launch of her second book of biography, *The Path to Power*, had engaged in "slightly" rewriting what happened a few years ago" over the Government's economic and European policy.

Mr Cosgrave adds: "She knew she didn't have the full trust of Cabinet and she invented a consensus of the nation, junior ministers and backbenchers, all of whom shared her vision of what England had been and could be. All this was inspired by her childhood reading of Churchill. She was in a dream world.

"We are living in her version of Churchill's version of British history. Of course it is a dream but all dreams are in some sense reality. Her vision of the past was very imaginative. Any politician who tries to use history almost invariably doesn't get it quite right but what drives them is what bits they select."

He said it was essentially a case or recapturing an imagined past. "The dream continued virtually to the end. In my opinion, it was when she lost contact with the dream that she lost contact with reality."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY In the Commons: questions to Northern Ireland ministers and the Prime Minister. Debates on the Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order and the Pneumoconiosis (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations.

In the Lords: Peers debated the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill, Civil Evidence Bill and Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill.

Both Houses rose yesterday for the Whitsun recess. The House of Lords will return on Monday June 5 and the Commons on June 6.

'The party is forcing this on us and we won't have it'

Labour workers rebel at women shortlist policy

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S drive to increase the number of women MPs ran into fierce opposition yesterday as party activists threatened to defy leadership efforts to free them to select a woman candidate for the next general election.

Local labour workers in Slough, Erkshire, one of the country's tightest marginal seats, has been angered by the national executive's insistence that they present a women-only shortlist. Yesterday, backed by overwhelming support in a vote on Wednesday night, they called for further meetings with party officials to try to avoid having the list imposed.

Mike Thorpe, the Slough party chairman, said: "We have always had a positive attitude to women here and we simply don't need this. The party risks antagonising the people who already support women in politics. Nearly 80 per cent of our women oppose this idea and we are calling on the party officials to think again." Other officials argue for the retention of Eddie Lopez, the Labour candidate at the 1992 election, who helped to cut the Tory majority from more than 4,000 to 514.

However, Judith Church, Labour MP for Dagenham and a former member of the Slough party, said yesterday: "Unfortunately some people will get hurt. That happens. But it is more important to show that we are a truly democratic party which is prepared to take the initiative on this important issue."

Labour wanted up to 50 constituencies throughout Britain to volunteer to implement the all-women shortlist policy, agreed at last year's party conference. These were to be constituencies either already in Labour hands or winnable Tory seats, with the aim of doubling the number of women Labour MPs to 80.

Seventeen constituencies have voluntarily selected candidates from all-women shortlists and a further 15 will do so over the next couple of months. But local opposition has led to delays in selecting candidates in many seats and this week's decision to impose the all-women list on one rebel constituency is seen by the leadership as crucial in ending the deadlock.

The imposition of an all-women list in Slough clears the way for all constituencies in Labour's South-west region to select candidates. The party has also achieved the desired number of all-women shortlists in the Central, West Midlands and North Yorkshire regions. However, it faces its biggest test in Wales, where it has yet to find two volunteer constituencies, and the North West, where five constituencies are still needed.

The Labour leadership made clear that the Slough decision would open the party's second phase in persuading, or ultimately forcing constituencies to adopt women candidates. "We intend to use persuasion but people must be clear that we are not going to back away on this one," one leadership aide said.

However, local resentment remained strong yesterday in the North West, where Labour wants all-women lists in at least four Tory marginal seats, selected from two seats each in Bolton, Blackpool, Bury, and Chorley.

Neil Hilton, chairman of the ruling Labour group on Chorley Borough Council, said: "This is exactly what we would have expected the Tory party to be doing. But it is just not necessary in the Labour Party, which has changed dramatically in its attitude to women in recent years.

"It is a sickener for those people who have been waiting patiently for a vacancy in their own town and working hard to find that they are told they can't stand for election. If it is a question of democracy and fairness, we have got the answer wrong."

A hostile meeting in Manchester last month failed to draw party officials any closer to constituency activists. Judith Jackson, vice-chairman of the Blackpool North constituency party, maintained her resolve to resist all-women lists.

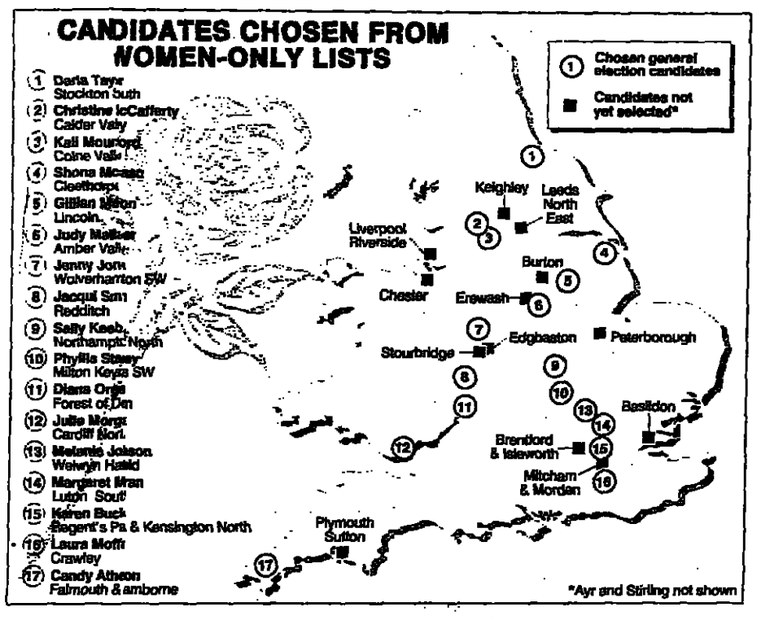
"I am all for more women MPs but the party has tried to force this on us without any real consultation. They have talked down to us and we won't have it. We certainly won't do this voluntarily and, if they impose a list on us, it will have a profound effect on morale."

Retiring Labour MPs have made clear their anger over the proposals, arguing that in some cases able men prospective candidates had been waiting for years to take on the candidacy. One said yesterday: "We are in danger of shooting ourselves in both feet over this one. Let's concentrate first on getting the best candidates. If women are the best, all the better, but let's not give our opponents an open goal."



SIMON WALKER

Judith Church, MP for Dagenham and a former member of the Slough party. She is in favour of women-only lists



Electoral assets with new ideas

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER



Diana Organ, Phyllis Starkey and Karen Buck — three of 18 women already selected under the new system

THE 18 women already selected under the system of women-only shortlists symbolise the new face of Labour. Their presence proves that Labour is no longer the party of beer and sandwiches.

At least two thirds of them are likely to get seats at the next general election which would help double the number of women Labour MPs to over 80. The party hierarchy hopes they will be a civilising influence, give the first real representation for over 50 per cent of the population and be an electoral asset with their new ideas.

The new women have already been accused by some Labour supporters of being middleclass, red suited Barbie dolls who would never have stood a chance against a virile, white working class male and will have to be sent on endless media courses to learn how to give a speech.

The Tories deride the policy of jobs for the girls as a politically correct insult to women who should be able to stand on their own. However, the women candidates are a formidable group. Most emphasise that they went to state schools but also went to university. All have careers, often with the Labour party or trade unions, and many balance them with bringing up a family as well as fitting in a host of grassroot commitments. All believe that women-only shortlists are vital and are firm advocates of the new-look Labour Party.

However, most say they would have serious reservations about standing in a constituency such as Slough where party members have made it clear that they will have a woman-only shortlist only under duress.

Diana Organ, 43, was likely to have been chosen in the new Forest of Dean constituency regardless of the women-only policy because she was very effective when she stood for the old constituency at the last election. "Labour used to be so biased towards their favoured sons it was risable," she said. "Seats were kept warm for working class, middle-aged men. When it comes to an election no-one will remember the in-fighting. They will just see a modern-looking party."

Phyllis Starkey, 48, was leader of Oxford City Council for four years and is fighting Milton Keynes. "The old system was a disaster for women," she said. "We need this quick boost and then we can probably return to a more equitable system. The only unhappy men I have come across are the ones who wanted to get elected and we never complained when they got onto shortlists time after time."

Karen Buck, 36, a Westminster City Councillor, holds the Labour Party post of deputy head of campaigns and elections where she has co-ordinated pressure against VAT on fuel, rail and Post Office privatisation.

Ms Buck, who is standing for the new seat of Regent's Park and Kensington North, said: "The House of Commons is out of touch on so many issues because it is run by an oligarchy of middle class men. When we get more women in, the Tories will suddenly look terribly old-fashioned."

Impressive bunch heralds rise of the professional politician

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Women only shortlists will make far less difference to the character of the parliamentary Labour party than either supporters or critics of the rule claim. The first 17 women picked in Tory-held marginal seats, with more to come in the near future, have almost exactly the same backgrounds as the men chosen for similar seats, or who won constituencies from the Tories in 1992. May are already near-full-time politicians, almost all are or have been councillors, and several have been on the staff of the Labour Party or of trade unions.

The advocates of women-only shortlists argue that the change will not only increase the proportion of women in the Commons but will also broaden the background and experience of new MPs. The former looks like being achieved if there is any swing from the Tories to Labour at the next election. But the latter will not occur, except in the important sense that 11 of the new women candidates have brought up or are bringing up children. This is in contrast with the pre-1980s pattern whereby most women MPs did not have children. Several of the big influx of women MPs in 1992 had young children, and this has already had a noticeable impact, making the Commons less unrepresentative of the public generally.

But, otherwise, the most striking impact of women-only shortlists will be a further rise in the number of professional politicians among new MPs. Full-time politicians, rather than those with separate non-political careers, have increasingly come to dominate selections in safe and winnable seats. Aspiring candidates for such constituencies have to go through an apprenticeship, serving as local councillors and often fighting hopeless seats. This means that they have to be committed and, in some cases, full-time politicians.

Some 14 of the 17 new candidates have been councillors, in two cases as council leaders. A number have also worked full-time for the Labour Party, including Karen Buck in Regent's Park and Kensington North, who is deputy head of campaigns and elections; while Sally Keeble, in Northampton North, has dealt with press and communications both for the GMB union and Labour. Four were Oxford educated. Indeed, there has been a revival in the number of Oxford and Cambridge graduates among new Labour MPs.

Those women candidates with experience outside politics have mainly been involved in education and public services and virtually none in industry.

They are by and large an impressive bunch. Although their backgrounds are similar to many new male MPs, several look of higher quality than the average. Some, such as Phyllis Starkey and Margaret Moran, look potential ministers.

Women-only shortlists will not launch an invasion of politically correct left-wing feminists but rather will bring in a further tranche of experienced, professional politicians, many fully paid-up Blairites.

PETER RIDDELL



Vehicles worth £600m lost

Police fight international car thieves

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A POLICE intelligence unit has been formed to fight the highly organised gangs that are stealing luxury cars to order for buyers in Japan and the Middle East.

Commercial vehicles are also selected by the gangs who "gut" an £85,000 lorry within hours of stealing it and ship the parts abroad.

The unit has been formed by the National Criminal Intelligence Service because of growing concern among chief constables at the vast numbers of vehicles that vanish each year. Last year a third of the stolen 600,000 cars, lorries and motorcycles were never recovered.

Albert Pacey, head of the intelligence service, said that the missing vehicles were worth an estimated £600 million and the number unrecovered had grown from 77,878 in 1983 to 246,657 in 1983. "This is a problem which extends not only throughout Britain but also across Europe and probably the United States."

Police investigated one gang stealing Mercedes cars for buyers in the Middle East and found that about 400 cars worth £15 million had been taken and shipped to customers via Malaysia. Others vehicles stolen in Britain have been recovered in Australia and New Zealand. Many go to former colonial countries whose cars are right-hand drive.

Valuable stolen lorries and plant have been sold in parts of the Mediterranean such as Cyprus and northern and eastern Europe. Police have discovered gangs in Britain who will steal a lorry and break it down for spare parts, which can be worth up to £20,000. The remains of the vehicle are then crushed, leaving no trace.

Police also have evidence that Britain has become a transit point for continental car thieves because of shipping connections to possible markets. Police believe that "jockeys" — couriers — are taking cars stolen on the Continent into Britain by ferry. The cars are then put into containers and freighted to buyers in West Africa.

The new police unit will analyse intelligence to try to pinpoint gangs and co-ordinate investigations between forces. Police information on what is being taken could help manufacturers to improve their security.

Mr Pacey said the unit would be manned by six officers and link with another unit being set up by Europol in The Hague to monitor the international trade. Interpol is building up a database which should be running by the end of the year, covering 45 countries in Europe.

Detective Sergeant Wayne Smith, who will head the unit, said one problem was the ease with which vehicles could be exported. Many countries will check incoming vehicles for import duty or safety but there is rarely a check to see if the cars are stolen.

Vehicles stolen in Britain may be driven abroad or packed into containers, many of which may never be checked among the thousands leaving Britain each day.

Detective Chief Inspector Brian Drew, one of the intelligence specialists at the criminal intelligence service, said cars were not only being stolen off the streets but also from hire and lease companies. He said thieves needed little more than a false identity and papers and they were given the keys to a car without having to break in. Some of the buyers abroad clearly ordered cars and knew they were buying stolen vehicles. Others bought in good faith, never realising they were at the end of a chain.

SIMON WALKER



Albert Pacey, head of the National Criminal Intelligence Unit, with some of the cars and bikes recovered

Thefts driven by ready market for spare parts

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

NORWICH Union paid more than £1.3 million last year to Porsche owners who had their cars stolen. However, those cars were not protected by industry-approved security systems. Norwich Union did not have one claim from Porsche owners who had fitted sophisticated alarms and immobilisers.

The company insures more than 67,000 cars it categorises as high risk, including Mercedes, Porsches, Rolls-Royces, Ferraris and Lamborghinis. Of 15,000 fitted with high-technology approved devices, theft claims were in single figures.

A study for Vauxhall by Northumbria Police found that of more than 12,000 of its new Omega luxury models, which bristle with security equipment, registered up to the end of last year, only one was stolen and that was because someone took the keys from a workshop.

Not all high-risk cars are fitted with security equipment, particularly models several years old. Some owners often risk not installing alarms and immobilisers because of the cost even though their cars could be worth up to £100,000.

Even transport firms, which spend £85,000 on a lorry that pulls a cargo worth tens of thousands of pounds, refuse to invest a few hundred pounds in security. The British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association refused to give its annual anti-theft award to lorry manufacturers this year because it could not find a vehicle which had an adequate security system. Yet lorries can be stolen and stripped within hours. Stripping into dozens of bits is also the most likely outcome for high-value stolen cars.

There is a ready market for second-hand spares and models such as Porsches, Ferraris and Mercedes have mainly the same components in the same models wherever they are sold. Now the targets are four-wheel-drive models, and diesel cars are among the most popular.

☐ Car thieves have often graduated from joyriding or moved down from armed robbery or other crimes because the profits are still good while the risks and penalties are lower (Stewart Tendler writes).

Michael Hinecliffe, a former member of Scotland Yard's stolen car squad and now chief executive of a car security firm, writes in *Police Review* that organised gangs start to recruit the thief who then steals to order at perhaps £300 a time. Eventually, the thief realises he can make money himself by altering and selling the cars.

TOP 10

Cars insured by Norwich Union stolen most often:

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8 Saab 900 Turbo 16 Cabriolet
9 VW Golf 1.9 GL turbo-diesel
10 BMW 520i SE Touring

Cheap and cheerful offers to eat outdoors

BY SARAH SCOTT

WEEKEND SHOPPING

THE Whitsun Bank Holiday has brought many reductions in barbecue foods. Iceland is selling eight beefburgers for £1.59, saving 40p, and 900g of boneless chicken breasts for £3.99. Asda is offering turkey steaks at £1.84 a lb, reduced from £2.09. Waitrose is selling Thai fish kebabs for 99p each, reduced from £1.39.

Best buys include:

Asda: Mars ice-cream bars, 8 for £1.89 (were 4 for £1.89); Müller light yoghurt, 29p.

Budgens: Budgens 2-litre Campsie spring sparkling mineral water, 45p.

Co-op: Findus 330g lasagne, 99p; Bird's Eye chicken pies, 4 for £1.49.

Harrods: rainbow trout, £4 a kg; camembert, £3.55 a kg.

Iceland: Iceland floret mix, 99p for 2lb; Bird's Eye crunch cod crumb, £2 for 6; Iceland Alabama chocolate fudge cake, £1.19.

Safeway: unsmoked rindless back bacon, £1.75 a lb; Pilgrims Choice fully matured English farmhouse cheddar, £2.19 a lb; Cyprus new potatoes, 35p a lb.

Somerfield: Somerfield 400g cheesy crust ham and pineapple pizza, £1.79; Somerfield 5-pack caramel doughnuts, 59p.

Tesco: half leg of lamb, £2.89 a lb; Tesco applestrudel, 99p each; Granny Smith apples, 39p a lb.

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An evening with Baroness Thatcher



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Billionaire Forbes may finance own bid for presidency

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

MALCOLM FORBES JNR, the billionaire American publisher, is considering financing his own bid for the Republican party's presidential nomination in 1996. He is said to be unhappy with dissent among Republicans and dissatisfied with the current field of candidates.

Mr Forbes is being urged to fill the vacuum left when Jack Kemp, his colleague from *Empower America*, the Republican ginger organisation representing business concerns, dropped out of the race.

He is said to have told close friends that he believes certain interests are no longer represented by the current clutch of candidates. Senator Robert Dole, the front runner, is not trusted by party activists, while Senator Phil Gramm has hardly caused a ripple among the American public.

Although Newt Gingrich is said to be considering his own campaign for the office, the strategy would lose the Speaker everything, including his high-profile role in the House of Representatives. Certain members of the Gingrich staff are said to welcome the prospect of a Forbes candidacy which might prevent their man from standing.

Mr Forbes has the advantage of a famous name, a clear vision for America and enough money to finance any attempt for the nomination. He is prepared to stake $10 million (£6.3 million) in front-money and already has a rudimentary strategy and campaign organisation in place.

In no way similar to his late, motorcycle-riding father, Mr Forbes, 47, has little experience of government, other than heading the Board for International Broadcasting, but is seen as a dynamic speaker and committed supporter of the supply side. Since succeeding his father as chief executive of Forbes Incorporated in 1990, the company, its flagship magazine and the family name have all continued to flourish.

He learnt politics at the feet of his father, a New Jersey senator and Republican nominee for governor, and later helped to develop the tax cut proposal that elected Christine Todd Whitman to the governorship of that state in 1993.

Pragmatically, he had been unconvinced of his chances until reading a book called *Dark Horse*, describing how Wendell Willkie, a Democrat with credentials more sparse than Mr Forbes, won the presidential nomination in 1940.

Mr Forbes has been an outspoken proponent of free trade and will have gained support among large numbers of the American public who wish to increase prospects for growth within the United States.



Heidi Fleiss registers her dismay on hearing the three-year sentence passed on her for running a Hollywood prostitution ring catering to the rich and famous

Hollywood madam is released on bail

BY BEN MACINTYRE

HEIDI FLEISS, the Hollywood madam, has been released on $200,000 (£128,000) bail, pending an appeal against a three-year prison sentence for running a high-class prostitution ring catering to the rich and famous.

Fleiss, 29, was also fined $1,500 for pandering, approximately the sum earned by her call girls for a night's work.

With good behaviour, Fleiss, who was released on $200,000 bail, may be eligible for release after 18 months, although a verdict on her appeal is not expected for at least eight more months.

"This was a highly sophisticated, lucrative criminal enterprise. It cannot be called a victimless crime," Judith Champagne, a Los Angeles judge, said. Fleiss had recruited young women to work as prostitutes with promises of wealth and glamour.

Anthony Brooklier, Fleiss's lawyer, said that while prostitution has been illegal in California for more than a century, no man had ever been prosecuted.

Golfers accused of stalking US skater

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SPORTS celebrities must put up with the adoration of obsessed fans, but the complaint of Tonya Harding, the figure skater, is exceptional: she claims she is being stalked by professional golfers.

A number of golfers joined the Tonya Harding Fan Club last year and made persistent demands to meet her, according to the sheriff's office in Portland, Oregon, where Harding lives. A spokesman said: "She thinks they are driving back and forth in front of her house and she doesn't like it."

Early last week Harding, whose career was scuppered by her involvement in the plot to stop her rival, Nancy Kerrigan, filed a report after a car ran into the front of her house. A man claiming to be the friend of a professional golfer has been arrested.

Soldier held over theft of weapons data for Aum cult

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S Government was shaken yesterday by the arrest of a soldier on suspicion of stealing data from the country's largest defence contractor for the doomsday cult linked to Tokyo's subway nerve gas attack.

The soldier, a paratrooper and member of the Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth) sect, was suspected of stealing weapons plans by computer from the Hiroshima research centre of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd in December.

Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, ordered Tokuichiro Tamazawa, the Defence Minister, to tighten military discipline in Japan's Self Defence Force.

The paratrooper's arrest, the latest in an embarrassing series of cases in which members of Japan's armed forces have broken the law to aid the cult, forced Mr Tamazawa to fight off opposition calls for his resignation. "I have the responsibility under civilian control to carry out a thorough investigation to establish a defence force that is trusted," Mr Tamazawa told reporters. "It would be more irresponsible if I quit leaving matters unclear."

He suggested the soldier's supervisors might be punished pending the outcome of the investigation.

The revelation is a blow to the military which has only in recent years started to win grudging acceptance after decades under the shadows cast by Japan's wartime militarism. Last month an officer was arrested for a fake bomb attack against the cult's Tokyo office on the eve of the subway attack in a bid to divert suspicion from the sect.

Another officer resigned this week after he was demoted for helping the sect to obtain a Japanese military manual on how to protect troops against poison gas.



Kodiak bears: the world's largest species, standing up to 10ft tall and weighing as much as 1,500lb

Oil spill cash pays for bear refuge

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE only habitat of the world's largest bear is to receive extra protection, thanks to a US government land purchase made possible by the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

In a triumph for conservationists — and an ironic twist of fate for wildlife that suffered as a result of the 11 million gallons of oil which surged out of the broken hull of the Exxon Valdez tanker after it ran aground in 1989 — the US Interior Department will take over 152,000 acres of Native American land and add it to the wildlife refuge that makes up 75 per cent of Kodiak Island in Alaska.

This sparsely populated island, some 50 miles off Alaska's southern coast, saw its teeming bird life and salmon runs badly damaged by the Exxon Valdez disaster.

Bruce Babbitt, the US Interior Secretary, has announced that $60 million (£38 million) from the $900 million already paid out by Exxon for environmental restitution had been earmarked to buy back and administer land administered by two Native American corporations since the 1940s.

This land is home to the Kodiak brown bear, which stands up to 10ft tall and weighs up to 1,500lb.

In the spawning season, millions of Pacific salmon swim up the island's rivers, where — until their numbers fell after the 1989 spill — they were easily caught by even the laziest bear. Now, as the salmon runs recover, the bears will also be spared the threat to their habitat posed by logging and development for tourism. However, they are still likely to be increasingly bothered by visitors.

Mr Babbitt announced that, in addition to preserving the bears' habitat, the new land purchase was also intended to provide further opportunities for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.

□ Delta study: Ecologists have begun a two-year study of the world's third largest mangrove forest in the Niger Delta, where much of Nigeria's oil is produced. The research is sponsored by Shell, which has been accused of destroying wildlife through pollution. *(Reuter)*

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Major sees Kohl as key ally over Europe strategy

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND ROGER BOYES IN BONN

JOHN MAJOR flies to Bonn today for annual talks with Helmut Kohl that will focus on British attempts to find support for the Government's European policies in the run-up to the Messina meeting of preparatory experts and next year's inter-governmental conference.

The Prime Minister is seeking support from Bonn for changes in the European Union that do not give greater power to Brussels. In particular, he is hoping to find German readiness to see discussion of home affairs issues such as terrorism, asylum and police co-operation remain at an informal inter-governmental level, while EU member states also keep the Commission at bay in the development of a common foreign and security policy.

In return, Mr Major is likely to back the Chancellor in his eagerness to develop Europol from the low-key drugs enforcement body to a European police organisation with the teeth to tackle terrorism and other cross-border issues. Herr Kohl has been angered by French stalling on Europol, especially the question of hot pursuit across borders, and will be grateful for British support at the Cannes EU summit next month.

On other issues, too, the Prime Minister is looking for agreement on areas where German and British interests contrast with those of France. One will be the unwillingness of Herr Kohl and Mr Major to support French and Spanish proposals for more EU spending on the Mediterranean region, especially if this is at the expense of Eastern Europe.

Another is the promotion of competitiveness in the EU, with publication of a paper the two countries have been drawing up over the past year. Both are eager to see a swath of EU regulation cut back, and want a more open climate for the play of market forces — unlike France.

Britain has always insisted that it has no wish to disrupt the Franco-German relationship. But it often looks for areas where it can win the affections of one party or the other, especially when relations between the two are strained. Mr Major and Herr Kohl will discuss the election victory of President Chirac and examine how his promise to create more jobs in France can be implemented within the EU framework.

Britain also wants to bring up the level and intensity of its youth exchanges with Germany to that of France. This means boosting the numbers and trying to warm up what is generally seen as a correct, but by no means enthusiastic, relationship between the two countries.

Bonn and London have almost no bilateral issues dividing them. Today's summit will look at defence co-operation, the joint military exercises Britain, Germany and Hungary will undertake as part of the Partnership for Peace programme, and a British offer to train German soldiers for the peacekeeping duties they may be asked to perform for the United Nations.



Kohl: against spending in Mediterranean area

Both countries will underline their concern over the deteriorating situation in Bosnia. They will co-ordinate their approach to Moscow over the war in Chechenia, a difficult issue for both leaders who want to retain good relations with President Yeltsin, while making clear the consequences of Russian action on their own individual policies.

In another development yesterday German finance officials denied press reports that Bonn was on the verge of winning a battle to impose the name "franken" on the new European currency.

"The discussion is still underway in most capitals. The point is to find a name which generates trust in Germany and the whole of Europe," said a senior official concerned with monetary affairs. Franken is only one of a number of proposals in circulation. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, is keen on Euromark or Eurofranken. The naked word "franken" is too suggestive of Mary Shelley's Dr Frankenstein and his monster. But there are dozens of other serious ideas. Ordinary Germans meanwhile have flooded newspapers with their suggestions including the kohli and the bankrotti (*bankrott* is German word bankrupt).

Speaking in London last month, Jürgen Stark, the Finance Ministry State Secretary, made clear that Germany did not feel bound by the Maastricht treaty to use the term ecu for the new single currency. "To the Germans it means nothing at all. And I suspect that the same is true for all other Europeans whose mother tongue is neither English nor French. We must think seriously about a handy description that can be used in all languages. In case of doubt, it could include the two syllables Euro, but we are open to all suggestions."

The main deliberations in Germany are not so much about the name as about the design of the note. Three options are under consideration: Ecu banknotes could be identical in all countries; or one side of the note could bear a uniform design, while the other side would carry specifically national symbols; or national banknotes could be adapted to take in European imagery.



Catherine Deneuve, the French actress, flanked by actor John Malkovich, left, and director Manoel de Oliveira, awaits a showing of their film, *The Convent*, at the Cannes Film Festival yesterday. The avant-garde work drew some booing

Budapest summit seeks to breach Europe's new wall

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BUDAPEST

THE presidents of five Eastern and Central European countries meet at the Hungarian resort town of Keszthely today and tomorrow in a summit that regional diplomats hope will speed the tardy pace of integration into the European Union and Nato.

The leaders of Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, the five most advanced countries in Central and Eastern Europe, will attend the conference on regional co-operation. Representatives from Austria, Germany and Italy will attend, a move seen as emphasising their commitment to the region.

But many in the former Soviet bloc countries complain that the Iron Curtain has been replaced by a paper one, just as efficient in politically dividing Europe, but administered by bureaucrats in Brussels instead of Communists in Moscow. "It's symbolically very nice that the Germans, Austrians and Italians are coming, but almost six years on from the collapse of Communism there should be something more than another talking-shop," one Western analyst said.

However, many Western diplomats point to continuing disputes between the former Communist allies and the differing pace of reform in the region as slowing its integration with Western Europe.

Chechen ceasefire talks end in failure

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE first serious attempt to mediate a ceasefire in the six-month conflict between Russian troops and Chechen fighters ended in failure yesterday, after four hours of inconclusive talks in Grozny.

While the details were not revealed, it seemed clear that neither side was ready to back down from their original demands. The Chechens want a withdrawal of Russian forces before they are prepared to negotiate. The Russians insist that the separatists, led by General Dzhokhar Dudayev, must lay down arms before Moscow halts operations.

Usman Imayev, the head of the Chechen delegation, held out the prospects of more meetings but he said that no agreements had been reached, accusing the Russians of stepping up attacks on villages.

"The main thing is talks have started and that is already positive," said Mr Imayev. "However, from what we saw today, the Russian side is not yet ready to stop murdering peaceful civilians."

Although fighting did ease on the front lines south of Grozny, the ceasefire scheduled to take effect during the meeting was violated repeatedly. Chechen sources said that Russian armour had attempted to break through rebel lines 35 miles south of the Chechen capital.

In spite the apparent failure of what had been billed as the first serious peace effort, Sandor Meszaros, the head of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe delegation in Grozny, said that the two sides had agreed in principle to meet again to discuss a ceasefire.

Although the OSCE has little diplomatic leverage, neither side can afford to ignore its mediation role.

The separatists need to portray themselves as the victims and cannot afford to ignore any peace efforts brokered by an international group.

Moscow, which has maintained that the war is an internal affair, is also sensitive to international opinion. It must support the OSCE since it is promoting the organisation as an alternative to Nato.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chirac aide linked to scandal

Paris: Georges Pérol, a political associate and personal friend of Jacques Chirac for more than 30 years, has been placed under investigation over a fake invoicing racket that allegedly financed the French President's neo-Gaullist party (Susan Bell writes).

M Pérol, 69, former head of the Paris public housing board, is the latest in a string of Gaullist officials implicated in the scandal over fake invoices involving housing in the Paris region.

Peking move

Hong Kong: Officials will try to save the UN women's conference in Peking in August by seeking a compromise between China and groups upset by the parallel unofficial meeting's remote venue.

Acropolis shut

Athens: Some of Greece's most famous historic attractions — including the Acropolis in Athens — were closed to tourists as museum workers began a two-day strike over a pay rise demand. *(AFP)*

Lebanon shuffle

Beirut: Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese Prime Minister, appointed a new 30-strong Government excluding his main opponents, Suleiman Franjieh and Michel Samaha, both pro-Syrian. *(AFP)*

Child deal

Dhaka: Bangladeshi clothes manufacturers said that they wanted to renegotiate a modified accord with Unicef to end child labour in the export-oriented garment industry by September 1997. *(AP)*

Killer shark

Suva: A Fijian fisherman died after a 12ft shark leapt into his anchored 16ft boat off the remote Waya island and attacked him while he slept. The shark almost tore off his right leg and hand. *(Reuter)*

Threat to opera

Paris: The troubled Paris Opéra faces another crisis today as a proposed strike by a minority of technicians over a pay rise threatens to cancel the premiere of Bellini's *I Capuleti ed i Montecchi*.

Hole in the wall

Jerusalem: The Old City acquired a "new" entrance when Israeli archaeologists reopened the 13th-century Tanners' Gate, 6ft 6ins wide and 5ft high, near the Dung Gate. *(Reuter)*

Starring Rolls

Monaco: Charlie Chaplin's black 1931 Rolls-Royce, the Phantom II Croydon, which he bought at the height of his career, has been sold at an auction here for 735,000 francs (£91,000). *(AFP)*

Swing to Right likely in Spain protest vote

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

SPAIN'S first major swing to the Right since Franco died nearly 20 years ago is forecast in municipal and regional elections to be held on Sunday.

The ruling Socialists are embroiled in numerous corruption scandals after over 12 years in power and face the highest unemployment rate in Europe. The clearest indication of a protest vote against them will be in the nationwide vote in the municipalities. Elections will take place for only 13 of the country's 17 regional parliaments.

Opinion polls predict that the Centre Right Popular Party, led by José María Aznar, 42, will obtain around 42 per cent of the vote, and the Socialists of Felipe González, 52, the Prime Minister, only 28 per cent.

Spy master Wolf urges amnesty for ex-Stasi agents

BY ANNE MCELVOY

MARKUS WOLF, who has never accepted the jurisdiction of the courts of the Federal Republic of Germany over his activities during nearly three decades as head of East German foreign intelligence, yesterday added his voice to calls for a general amnesty of former agents of the vanished communist state.

"Which country am I supposed to have betrayed?" he asked the Düsseldorf court that sentenced him to seven years' imprisonment for high treason. "I was always loyal to my country and you would not expect me, in my job, to be loyal to West Germany." The united Germany's highest court this week effectively agreed with him, ruling that citizens from the East who spied on the old West Germany "from the territory of the German Democratic Republic" could not be prosecuted for treason, since their actions were in line with that country's constitution. Strictly speaking, this does not rule out further cases against Herr Wolf's former agents in the field. But this will be of academic interest only.

"There ought now finally to be an end to legal prosecutions," Herr Wolf told the magazine *Super Illu*, referring to all the people who worked for East Berlin's hated Ministry for State Security (Stasi).

It is now virtually unthinkable that any Eastern agent will face further legal consequences, although West Germans revealed to have spied for the "Enlightenment", as Herr Wolf's service was known, are not included in the decision and could still face prison sentences.

Herr Wolf inspires powerful and divided feelings. His suave manner makes him a welcome guest on television talk shows and some of his former compatriots still exhibit pride in the man whose spy service was admitted, even by opponents, to be one of the world's best.

The decision means that the seven-year jail sentence meted out to him, but suspended until the Constitutional Court's decree, will not be enacted.



Wolf: his spy network was one of the best



Limited attack near Pale restores pride of peacekeepers but risks Serb backlash

Airstrike gamble meant as warning to warring sides

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Nato airstrike yesterday was more than just a response to Bosnian Serb violations. The bombing, as so often in the past in the "peacekeeping war" in Bosnia-Herzegovina, was also a reminder to the fighting factions on the ground that the United Nations, allied with Nato, was still in business.

After all the recent talk of withdrawal and the increasing feeling that the UN role in Bosnia was becoming less and less viable, there was a danger that the warring factions, particularly the Serbs, could cock a snook at Nato without fear of reprisal.

In more than three years since UN troops began to deploy to Bosnia, the UN's credibility as a peacekeeping force has been one of the key issues both in checking the level of violence in the war and helping to promote peace.

Airstrikes, above all, came to be seen as the litmus test of the UN's and Nato's willingness to get their hands dirty in a war where any action can have unpredictable consequences.

When Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose was commander of UN forces in Bosnia, airstrikes became a symbol of his determination to act tough. For the first six months of his tenure, it was possible to believe that the UN, backed by the mighty firepower of Nato bombers, would see off the Serbs and bring peace by threatening instant retaliation if they stepped out of line.

This perception quickly changed when the airstrikes that did take place managed only pinprick damage and put Nato bombers and UN troops on the ground in potentially grave danger. As one senior British military source said of the surface-to-air missile attack on a Royal Navy Sea Harrier over Gorazde in April last year: "A £25 million plane was hit by an £8,000 missile while trying to target an old tank worth nothing".

Nevertheless, throughout 1994, when General Rose was in charge, Nato jets helped to enforce the heavy weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo, shot four Serb aircraft out of the sky south of Banja Luka, bombed and strafed around Gorazde to protect UN troops, and hit a Serb anti-tank gun and a tank near the Bosnian capital.

But did all this action help or undermine Nato's credibility? Did it win accolades or spell doom for General Rose? And did it promote the cause of peace? The air raids certainly provided big headlines and turned General Rose into a folk hero one moment and the bad boy the next, but the overall result was that the UN became disillusioned and bombing was as good as struck off the list of options for the future.

Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, who took over from General Rose in January, was always going to be a lower profile commander, but he must have despaired to discover that his immediate political boss, Yasushi Akashi, the UN envoy in Zagreb, was against launching airstrikes.

Two weeks ago, when General Smith applied to him to request a Nato raid, he was turned down. To the outside world, this was an admission that the Serbs could get away with anything. Nato's deterrence capability was dealt a serious blow. Yesterday's raid will have done something to restore Nato pride.

A senior American diplomat said: "The warring parties in Bosnia have to believe that a threat to launch airstrikes will lead to an attack. Otherwise the policy of deterrence has no credibility. There has to be a place for the application of military force. The trouble with the policy towards Bosnia is that we have never been able to apply enough military pressure, political pressure or economic pressure to stop the fighting."

The gamble with yesterday's raid is that the Serbs may decide they have little to lose by continuing to defy the UN and Nato. Whatever action Nato takes, they know from experience that it will be limited because the alliance does not have the mandate to mount punitive raids. Their attacks in Bosnia are about sending political and military signals, not about taking sides against the Serbs.



A wounded civilian is carried into Kosevo hospital in Sarajevo yesterday, one of two people injured when a shell hit a residential area





Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, left, who took over from Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose

Milosevic plots path through Serb labyrinth

BY MISHA GLENNY

THE games played by Serb politicians are becoming ever more byzantine after the breakdown of talks between the Americans and the Serbian President, Slobodan Milosevic, in the week that Nato launched air strikes against Bosnian Serb targets in Pale. The negotiations had been expected to lead to Belgrade's recognition of the international borders of Bosnia-Herzegovina in exchange for some lifting of United Nations sanctions.

Both the Serbian leadership and Western diplomats in Belgrade have been keen to suggest that the deal is not yet dead. Nonetheless, signs are increasing that the Serbs of Bosnia and Croatia may soon play their trump card of unifying their two self-proclaimed states. That would heighten the possibility of the northern Balkans sliding into all-out war.

Mr Milosevic has always avoided threatening the unification of what are known as the "western Serb lands". And the leaders of the Bosnian and Croatian Serbs have in the past pulled back from the brink.

Last weekend, however, the Croatian Serb parliament unanimously accepted a proposal from its foreign minister, Milan Babic, that Krajina, as the Croatian Serb region is known, should unite with the Bosnian Serbs.

> "Signs are increasing that the Serbs of Bosnia and Croatia may soon play their trump card of unifying their two self-proclaimed states"

The idea has been seized upon by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbs' leader. Ever since he broke with Mr Milosevic last summer, he has considered unification the quickest way to undermine his power.

The most mystifying aspect of this ritual concerns Mr Babic, regarded as solidly pro-Milosevic. "It is inconceivable that Babic would play the unification game without Milosevic's approval. This either means that Milosevic is trying to pressurise the Americans or he is trying to lure Karadzic into a trap," said Braca Grubacic, an independent analyst in Belgrade. The tactic is probably a bit of both. Talks with the Americans broke down over sanctions — which Mr Milosevic wants lifted so that the vote of all five permanent members of the Security Council is needed to reimpose them. Washington wants them suspended so that one vote would suffice. Talk of unification is a subtle hint that Belgrade can still make life much worse if it chooses.

Yet he has no intention of allowing Mr Karadzic his moment of glory. He has built a safety device into Mr Babic's idea. Unification on the Krajina model would mean a federation. But a Bosnian Serb MP, who wanted to remain anonymous, said: "A federation is unacceptable — we want a centralised state which would later unite with Serbia and Montenegro."

Meanwhile there are the Serb armed forces. President Milosevic has been cultivating Ratko Mladic, head of the Bosnian Serb army, who ferociously attacked Mr Karadzic last month. The new head of the Croatian Serb army, Mile Mrksic, is believed to enjoy close relations with Mr Milosevic. Before any co-ordinated action by the Croatian and Bosnian Serbs, the military leadership is almost certain to refer to Mr Milosevic.

He is again using an external crisis to assert his primacy among the Serb factions. Most observers believe that he will not risk a big war to satisfy nationalist goals.

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Accounts of forced labour echo Japanese wartime treatment of allied prisoners

Slave army used to construct new Burma railway

FROM JAMES PRINGLE
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THAILAND

SLAVE labour is again being used to construct a railway in Burma, according to an opposition group fighting the country's hardline military regime.

The Mon tribal group claims that people have died as a result of forced labour imposed by the State Law and Order Restoration Council. "Beatings are frequent and there is no food and medicine for conscripted workers," said a spokesman for the group.

About 30,000 Burmese villagers have been press-ganged into building the 100-mile-long railway between the southern Burmese towns of Ye, in Mon state, and Tavoy, in the southernmost Tenasserim division. They are also being used to prepare the ground for a 447-mile gas pipeline, which is to be buried in terrain which has been land-mined to guard against sabotage. That there is resistance to the pipeline is clear. Five members of a survey team were killed and 11 wounded at Kanbauk in a guerrilla attack in March for which no-one claimed responsibility.



Disclosure of the new railway comes just weeks after a plaque was unveiled at Three Pagodas Pass, honouring the 16,000 allied prisoners of war and 100,000 Asian slave labourers who died building the Burma Railway during the Second World War. The memorial traces the route of the railway, marking infamous death sites such as Hellfire Pass. The ex-servicemen who erected it included the engraved words: "Entrusted to future generations in the hope that the story of the Burma-Thailand railway will be remembered."

Three Pagodas Pass, historically the invasion route of Burmese armies into Thailand, was used by the Japanese invading Burma during the war. Near by, the two strands of the Burma railway, linked up, one from Thanbyuzayat in Burma, the other from Kanchanaburi, on what is now known as the River Kwai. It is not possible to verify the latest stories of forced labour as the area is closed to foreigners. But a Bangkok-based diplomat said: "We know that there is forced labour on the railway and on the building of Burmese Army barracks along the route to be taken by the pipeline."

As the Rangoon military tries to gain stronger control in southern Burma, its forces are engaged in combating a sputtering insurgency by Mon and Karen guerrillas. The situation on the Thai-Burmese border has been described as "chaotic". According to one diplomat, Mon and Karen refugees are no longer welcome in Thailand.

Philip McDaniel, a missionary doctor at the Kwai River Christian Hospital near Sankhlaburi, said: "People don't know where to turn. They flee to the jungle but that is malarial. They are no longer welcome in Thailand. But if they return to Burma, they risk being made to work on these projects."

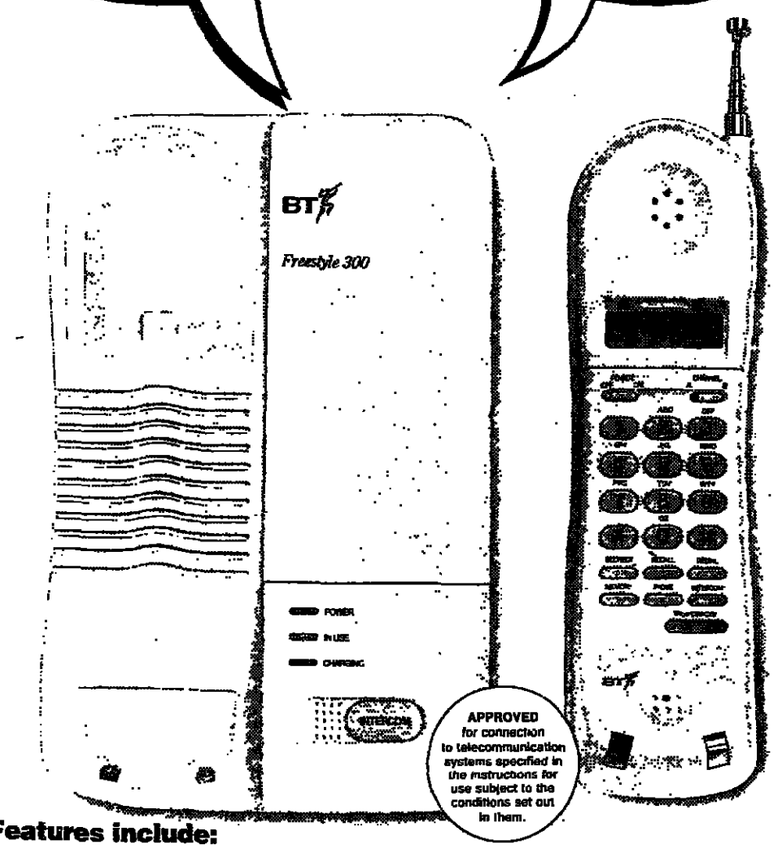


Nagase Takashi, right, a Japanese wartime guard, at the River Kwai yesterday with Buntom Wandee, an Indonesian former slave labourer

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Babe Ruth outfit suffers third strike by thieves

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

FOR the third time in 70 years the pinstriped uniform worn by the legendary baseball player, Babe Ruth, has been stolen, adding yet another bizarre chapter to a tale of mystery, murder and robbery.

The uniform, believed to have been worn by Ruth in 1924 and worth an estimated $50,000 (£31,000), was stolen from a car in Manhattan on Wednesday, along with baseball trading cards valued at $250,000.

Ruth wore the outfit again in 1942, when he played himself opposite Gary Cooper in the film *Pride of the Yankees*. The off-white flannel shirt and striped baseball shorts were then stored in the warehouse of a Hollywood costume company, but some time between 1942 and 1980 the uniform vanished.

In 1986, it reappeared in the possession of Dennis Walker, an eccentric offshore banker and sporting memorabilia collector. That year Walker was found murdered in a Las Vegas hotel room, apparently the victim of a Mafia assassination. Once again, the uniform had been stolen.

Three years later, after the American television programme *Unsolved Mysteries* explored the case of the missing uniform, another collector, Malcolm Jackson, handed the item to police in Long Island. They held on to it for seven years until 1992, when — because the uniform had not been reclaimed — Mr Jackson obtained a court order to repossess it.

After passing through the hands of several more collectors, the uniform ended up in the possession of Mark Lassman, president of Sports Card Heaven International, who bought it for $2,500. This week he flew to New York with a collection of souvenirs for a sporting memorabilia show.

Mr Lassman has offered a $5,000 reward for the return of the elusive souvenir, which is not insured. "It's jinxed," he said.



Ruth: uniform a prized sporting souvenir

Brazil sends in troops to halt oil dispute

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL yesterday strengthened its military presence at key oil refineries in an effort to force petroleum workers to end a strike, and resolve the most serious crisis that President Cardoso's five-month-old Government has faced.

Hundreds of troops in armoured tanks and Jeeps have been mobilised since Wednesday, and sent into the Capuava, Paulina, and Vale do Paraiba refineries on the outskirts of São Paulo, Brazil's industrial capital.

Another 300 soldiers took over the Araucaria refinery in the southern state of Parana yesterday, ensuring workers finished their shifts. "Military intervention will protect the rights of those who want to return to work. The tanks were an inevitable measure," said President Cardoso.

The strike has caused fuel shortages in main cities and forced the country to import oil and gas supplies for industry. The strikers are demanding wage rises and opposing Senhor Cardoso's proposals to privatise the state-owned Petrobras, South America's largest petroleum company. Hundreds have barricaded themselves in refineries.

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Syrian concession on Golan opens door to peace deal

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AMERICAN officials yesterday hailed Syria's concession over the Golan Heights as a breakthrough in the Middle East peace process.

They acknowledged, however, that the agreement over security did not deal with the core issues that have prevented peace with Israel for four years: the Syrian demand that Israel withdraw from all of the Golan Heights, and the Israeli requirement that Damascus consent to peace with full diplomatic relations.

The deal was described as more "baby-step diplomacy", the incremental process that has long characterised negotiations between the two states. But it is the first time they have agreed on anything since the current dialogue began in Madrid in 1991.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, plans to visit the region next month for the first time since March. His trip will be followed by meetings in Washington between senior military officials from Israel and Syria to negotiate details on security arrangements. Dennis Ross, the State Department's chief negotiator in the Middle East talks, will travel to both countries next week to resolve any immediate differences before the talks begin in earnest.

US officials said a framework agreement — allowing the demilitarised zone in Israel to be smaller than that in Syria — had been secured in a telephone conversation this week between Mr Christopher and Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian Foreign Minister. Mr Christopher said: "This is an important development, but there are still significant gaps between the parties."

Osama el-Baz, a senior adviser to President Mubarak of Egypt, said: "We hope this will lead to a real breakthrough. It bodes well for finishing negotiations and reaching an agreement by the end of the year, or in the first few weeks of next year."

According to senior Western officials, President Assad of Syria is well aware that if the Israeli Labour Party, which leads the ruling coalition Government, loses power in next year's election to the right-wing Likud, he would stand no chance of securing the return of the Golan Heights conquered by Israel in 1967.

Israeli officials hinted yesterday that Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, might be willing to give back all the territory, over a three-year period, in return for a full peace treaty. He has never committed himself publicly beyond promising a referendum before any such move.

Yediot Ahronot, Israel's biggest-selling newspaper, commented: "American diplomacy has succeeded in breathing life into a process which seemed to be dying."



Sachin Tendulkar, the Indian cricketer, with his bride, Anjali Mehta, after their traditional Hindu wedding ceremony in Bombay yesterday. Tendulkar, 22, is regarded as one of the finest batsmen in the world

China rage over Seoul invitation to Taiwan

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY

CHINA has threatened to cancel a trip by President Jiang Zemin to South Korea if it is preceded by a visit by President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan.

According to a South Korean politician, the warning was issued in March by a visiting member of the Chinese Communist Party's liaison office, and thus was given long before the announcement this week that President Lee had been permitted to visit America despite Chinese objections.

Mr Lee was invited to attend a 30-country meeting in September of the International Democratic Union, a conservative association. Mr Jiang's visit was tentatively scheduled for November.

Meanwhile, Peking's rage with Washington can be expected to increase if a proposal by Larry Pressler, a South Dakota senator, to sell Taiwan 17 F16 jet fighters that were originally intended for Pakistan, is implemented. The aircraft could serve as a counter to Chinese jets recently bought from Russia.

Daughter of Dayan in Nazi row

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

YAEL DAYAN, the enfant terrible of Israeli politics and daughter of the late war hero Moshe Dayan, has provoked a furore by linking Israeli treatment of the Palestinians with that by Nazis of Jews.

The Labour Knesset member's remarks were made in Germany this week where she was part of an Arab-Jewish delegation.

"No calumny heaped on Israel is as obscene, immoral and galling as a comparison between the Jewish state and Nazi Germany," responded the *Jerusalem Post*.

Ms Dayan asked the Germans to help the Palestinians, saying they were Israel's victims. "I feel I have obligations, like you, to try to help the State of Israel because you have certain obligations to it and because they were your victims," she said.

Assad Assad, a member of the right-wing Likud party who was also on the trip, said: "I was stunned by the comparison and lack of sensitivity." But Ms Dayan said it was time to finish with Israel's persecution complex.



Dayan: Israel must finish with persecution complex

Secret list alleges debt defaults by India elite

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THOUSANDS of India's richest and most powerful citizens were named yesterday as defaulters on vast loans from nationalised banks. The list had been kept secret by the Government for fear of upsetting such influential people.

The borrowers apparently include senior politicians, a former ambassador, newspaper-owners, industrialists, princesses, property dealers and big-time brokers — a *Who's Who* of India. *The Pioneer* newspaper, which disclosed the story, named many of the alleged defaulters.

The total outstanding loans amount to 300 billion rupees (£6.19 billion) held by 5,729 people; the smallest loan held by any of them is £20,600, a formidable sum by Indian standards. Opposition MPs had vainly demanded publication of the list. It was uncovered by a Communist MP who gave it to *The Pioneer*.

The list was compiled by the Reserve Bank of India and headed "confidential". Many individuals and firms are named more than once.

Even after defaulting on one loan, many reportedly managed to use their influence to persuade banks to lend them more. According to *The Pioneer*, defaulters managed to borrow another 450 billion rupees.

Bad debts have weakened India's banking system. Writing off loans to farmers, as a populist gesture, has also undermined the industry. Despite economic reforms, there has been no significant move to reform the banks or to privatise the industry.

Bugging furore mars Keating Tokyo visit

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A VISIT to Tokyo by Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, has been marred by revelations that Japan has bugged one of his country's embassies.

Australian intelligence sources yesterday tried to play down reports that nine overseas diplomatic missions had been penetrated by foreign agents in recent years — including hi-tech Japanese eavesdropping on the embassy in Jakarta, the Indonesian capital.

The disclosure came as Mr Keating began his visit, much to the discomfort of the Labor leader and his retinue of minders. The Japanese operation and several similar intelligence-gathering exercises involved Australian embassies in Moscow, Peking, Warsaw, Belgrade, Ankara, Rangoon and Brasilia, as well as Jakarta. Details emerged when Michael Costello, the Secretary of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, gave a security briefing to various heads-of-mission on a visit to Canberra. They were shown eavesdropping devices found in several Australian diplomatic missions and official residences.

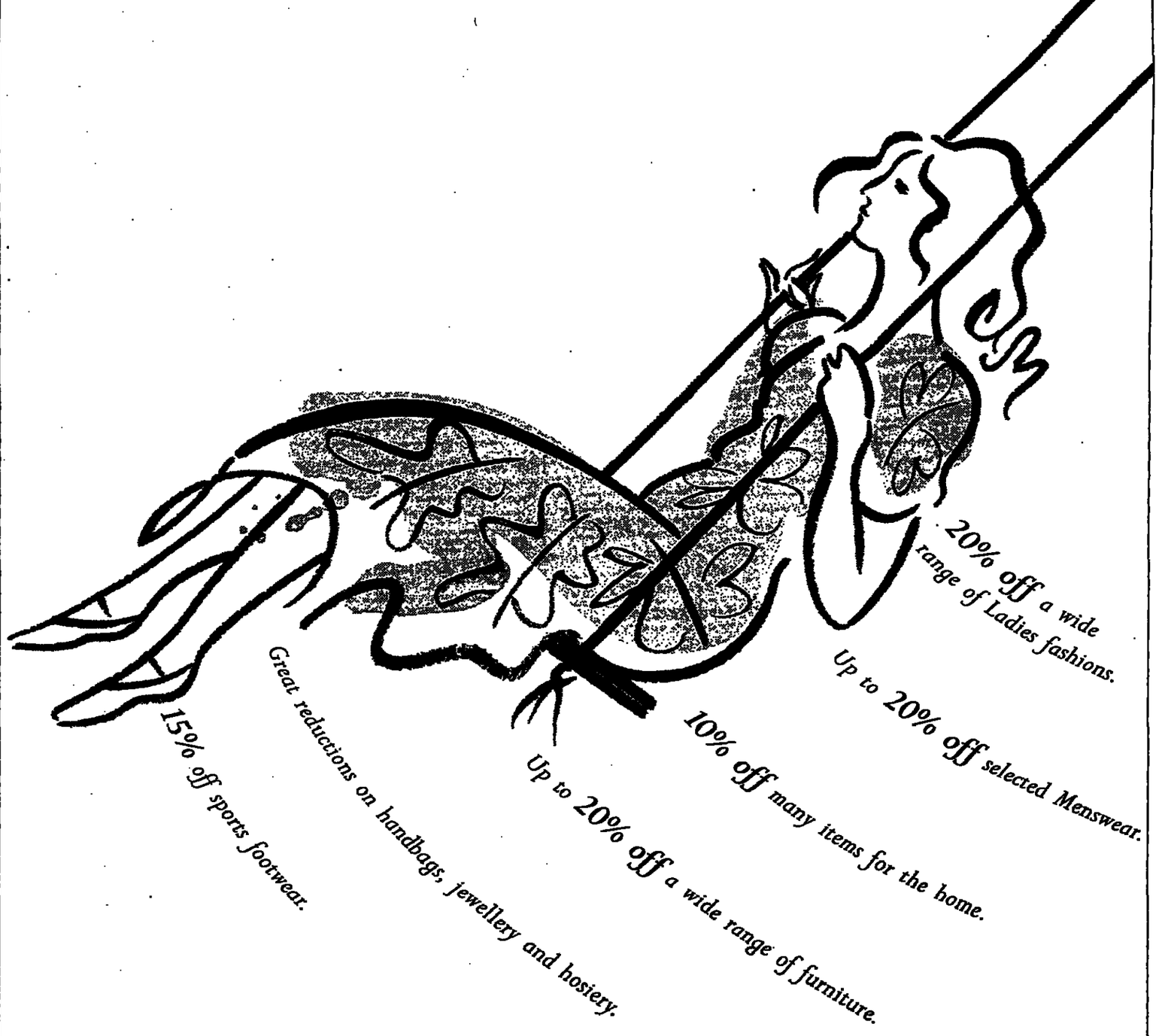
In Jakarta, the Japanese directed an infra-red beam on to a window of the Australian Embassy 650 yards away to detect vibrations from the window panes caused by conversations.

Canberra intelligence sources emphasised that no such breaches had occurred in the past two years. But Tim Fischer, the leader of the opposition National Party, said: "It is an irony that on the very day Paul Keating commences his formal activities in Tokyo, there is a revelation that a Japanese operation may have been involved in penetrating Australian embassy security. There are high stakes today, not only with regard to defence matters, but particularly with regard to trade, and these must be guarded."

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Eren appealed but the sentence was upheld. She is not yet in jail, but each day could be her last day of freedom.

As a supporter of human rights in a country with an atrocious human rights record, Eren is used to threats. While researching disturbances in a prison on behalf of a human rights group, she was shot at.

Recently her telephone rang and a man's voice told her, 'We are measuring your coffin' - a threat not to be lightly dismissed in Turkey, a country where more than a hundred members of one opposition party have been killed or 'disappeared' in circumstances clearly implicate the security forces. Turkey may be a democracy, but since 1992, eleven journalists and distributors of one newspaper group have been killed. So much for free speech.

Eren became a target because of her work as a defender of human rights and as a lawyer. At one incident, Eren was arrested by police who took turns to hit and insult her. They seemed doubly offended by the fact that this defence lawyer was also a woman.

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Joanna Pitman talks to Dr Alan Borg about his plans to reinvigorate the V&A

The man who can play to the galleries

ANDRE CAMARA



Dr Alan Borg: "The museum is in rather good shape . . . but there is a lot of work to do"

It seems altogether fitting that the man named last week to the fiendish role of director of the Victoria & Albert Museum should count among his middle names that of our most celebrated naval hero.

Dr Alan Charles Nelson Borg, CBE, FSA, currently director of the Imperial War Museum (IWM), quickly apologises for a perceived shortcoming on this front. "I'm afraid I can't offer you family links with Lord Nelson," he says. "The name comes from my Swedish grandfather, who came to England and changed his surname from Nielson-Borg to Nelson-Borg. The double-barrelled bit has gone but Nelson has remained."

Two generations have obliterated all traces of the Swede in him, too. At first glance, Dr Borg could easily be taken for a military man or a senior executive of a first-division merchant bank. He is immediately distinguished by his height, erect and firm-shouldered carriage, and the natural leonine grace of a former sportsman (he was a fencing Blue at Oxford).

A distinct public-school Britishness is there, too, in the charcoal-grey pinstripes, splendidly woolly even on a muggy May afternoon, and the razor-sharp creases of his slightly frayed cotton cuffs. His forehead is high and smooth and his face so open it could be described as boyish. The moment he smiles, about 20 of his 52 years disappear.

"When I move on October 1, it will be 13 years since I started at the Imperial War Museum. The V&A is one of the greatest museums in the world. It cannot fail to be a marvellous place to work."

All eyes will be on him as he takes over from Elizabeth Esteve-Coll who, after several stormy years of vilification in the media for her handling of the museum, is heading for more agreeable pastures as Vice-Chancellor of the University of East Anglia.

There is no denying that the V&A, as one of Britain's top three museum collections, besides the British Museum and the National Gallery, has an exceedingly poor image. "I'm actually being handed a museum in rather good shape . . . but, yes, there is a lot of work to do repairing, developing and improving the museum."

The facts provide a dolorous tale. The dark and forbidding galleries are miserably undervisited, the fabric of the building is crumbling, its core collections poorly maintained and displayed, its staff demoralised and its funds insufficient, and its recent efforts at splendid temporary exhibitions have failed to pull in enough vistitors.

Dr Borg has turned museums around before. When he started at the IWM in 1982, it was in poor shape. Within two years, he had conceived and implemented a five-year, £20 million plan that has expanded the institution, revivified its impact and profile and increased visitor numbers by 20 per cent without sacrificing intellectual or artistic standards for populist appeal.

"War is not a popular subject, but we've managed a lot here," he says. "The V&A should be easier in that sense." Dr Borg has identified two broad objectives: to implement a huge programme to repair the fabric of the building and to redisplay galleries, particularly the neglected British ones; secondly, to develop the unused Boilerhouse site into a major extension.

"It's a real privilege to take an institution like this through the millennium landmark. There are all sorts of interesting problems. The façades are all listed, but we might be able to get away with a Louvre-type pyramid . . . "

The vision is gleeful, just the sort of thing that had occupants of Brooks's Club armchairs snorting: "Over my dead body" when Tim Clifford (he of the National Galleries of Scotland and *The Three Graces* controversy) came up as a candidate for the job.

But Dr Borg is an art historian at heart, an expert on medieval sculpture who also knows a thing or two about military collections, having spent eight years as keeper of the armouries in the Tower of London and four years establishing the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts at the University of East Anglia.

"I have experience in redisplaying galleries and setting up new museum sites. What has changed over the past few years is the realisation that simply putting things in a museum and forgetting about them is no good. Everything has to be maintained and that requires ever more funds."

The charm and the boyish smile disguise a steely nerve and the determination underneath of a hunter, tooth and claw. He must be no less in this dog-eat-dog world of fund-raising, where dozens of famous institutions are doing the rounds cap in hand, and he will have to find £7 million every year to supplement the Government's £31 million contribution to the museum's £38 million budget.

Essential, then, to have a Filofax bulging with the names of potential sponsors, and the power to charm the deep-pocketed from all corners and cultures of the earth. Last week, he was in action in Washington, eyeball to eyeball across a $1,000-a-place dinner table, trying to charm a fresh trickle of funds out of the American rich. "I've been working with Charlton Heston — he was a rear gunner in the war — to raise money for a new IWM building. Hollywood's a ghastly place but you have to do it. I found myself sitting next to Bob Hope the other day."

The vision of the utterly reasonable, civilised, self-effacing and scholarly Dr Borg rubbing shoulders with America's most viciously successful cigar-chomping movie moguls and Hollywood stars floats improbably before my eyes. But it seems that he handles these events with presidential ease and turns vigorous, even pugnacious, when necessary. This time he came home with $200,000 (a good start). He has a history of working wonders and fat cheques out of the Sultan of Brunei and John Paul Getty II.

Yet the necessity to define everything in terms of funding has not obscured his vision of what a museum is for. "Museums are not run as businesses to make money. It's nice if they do, but the primary purpose is to educate through preserving the heritage and displaying it to the largest possible spread of people.

"The British are still generally very lazy about their great cultural institutions, but to fulfil our educational role, we must give them the stimulus to visit. I'm a great believer in splendid exhibitions as a way of enticing them in. But that means getting sponsors."

His predecessor's valiant efforts with exhibitions reached its lowest ebb last summer with the contemporary fashion exhibition *Street Style* sponsored by Smirnoff. Large numbers of mods, rockers, punks and goths invited to the opening party turned up in full kit, over-estimated their tolerance of the refreshments and ended up brawling and vomiting in the V&A's august surroundings.

A particularly unpleasant lesson. But Dr Borg is sound on the importance of good public relations and image. "The place must be welcoming and we mustn't make people uncomfortable with embarrassing voluntary entry fees. Fixed fees or none is better."

If image is his main challenge, he begins on sound footing with his own. Held in affectionate respect by his IWM staff, he has made an effort to learn the names of his 450 permanent employees. He relishes all the grittiest details, plunging into debate over everything from label sizes to café menus, and he does a monthly nitpicking inspection tour. The V&A's 850 staff would be advised to put themselves on red alert on October 1, and not to expect to hide behind anonymity for long. Dr Borg intends to get to know and get the best out of every last one of them.

All for the love of your publisher

THE word is out that Marika Cobbold, the romantic novelist, has run off with her publisher; piquantly, just as her new book opens with the plight of a woman writer whose husband objects to her ink-stained nightdresses. Grim for the families, to whom all sympathy; but it must be said the story does resonate. Women, you see, do rather fall for publishers.

Normally, we restrain ourselves from running off with them, but the urge is definitely there. Like the first pash on the English teacher, the crush on the gynaecologist and the urge to make rock-cakes for the vicar, we never quite outgrow it. And publishers are special. Think what they do for you!



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Publishers send you flowers; they use girly vocabulary, proclaiming themselves "thrilled" and you "super". When you get bad reviews they ring up with comforting gossip about how unhinged, corrupt and ugly that critic is, and how his paper is going broke.

No doubt academics and heavy-duty intellectuals can resist all this, and probably they get less of it. But if a woman mid-market novelist hits the popular button, she is a precious commodity, much fussed over. And since these novels tend to be written by weatherbeaten wives and mothers, unaccustomed to pampering, it dazzles them. The publisher is the prince, whose kiss awoke your sleeping talent. A woman can be comfortably assured that he won't mind ink-stains on her nightie either. Each one, to him, is laden with steamy promise of another 20,000-a-month hardback, simultaneous audiobook and residual rights.

The wonder is that all bestselling women do not hurl themselves at publishers. The trend has probably only been held in check during previous decades by the convention that publishers disguised themselves as men twice their age, wrapped in inch-thick tweed, smelling powerfully of pipe-tobacco and quoting Ovid. These days they have to impress their financiers, so they wear sharp suits accessorised with horn-rimmed Hugh Grant glasses. Presentable yet approachable, powerful yet desperately needing you . . . these are men to dream of. Let me at them!

Since you ask, my own publisher is a woman. The men clearly saw me coming, and hid.

'Family tradition has it that I was a very quiet baby...'



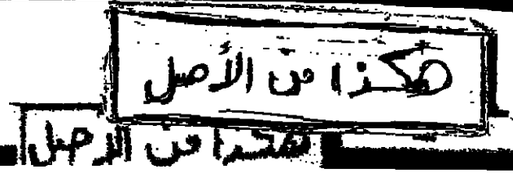
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What is it like being married to a woman who can climb Everest and still make great profiteroles? **Giles Coren** reports

My wife the spiderwoman

PETER JOLLY



Jim Ballard with his children, Tom and Kate: "I wouldn't know what a New Man was if I fell over him in the street," he says

In the three short hours I spent in Fort William, talking to a man whose wife had just climbed Mount Everest, Ben Nevis claimed a life. At 9.30am, as I left the station to head for Nevis Range Ski Centre where Jim Ballard is fielding international media inquiries about his wife's success, the helicopters were already in the air. By midday they had returned with a body.

The 19-year-old woman was the fifteenth person, said a local man, to die on the mountain this year — a victim of the demon that stalks every mountaineer, from the 4,406ft of Britain's highest peak, to the 29,028ft of Everest. Like a reproachful parent, the snowy peak of Ben Nevis glares down at the town, daring the bearded ants that bustle with their crampons to challenge its authority.

But to Alison Hargreaves, Nevis is no more threatening than the local leisure-centre climbing wall. Here she climbs with her children — Tom is six, Kate four — and here she practised for her latest jaunt, the first ascent of Everest by a woman, "unmasked and alone".



Soaring achievement: Alison Hargreaves on Everest

If danger is one of the things that inspires a climber (they call it "feeding the rat"), it is something different for the husband on the ground. "I hope I have the mental ability," says Jim Ballard, "to divide my mind up when she is on a major climb, and prepare a section of it for Alison paying the ultimate price. And I have always had a plan in my head for how I would deal with her family, and with the future of our children.

"I am not generally superstitious," he says, "but I make a point of never saying goodbye, just au revoir. And I don't see her off any more with the kids. That is the only time when Katie might wobble a bit, her little lip would go, and her eyes would water." Such is the kindergarten of hard knocks.

Mr Ballard was brought up in working-class Sheffield, and puts his sanguinity down to his upbringing. "Alison's the same," he says. "The day Tom was born we had gone bouldering. I was halfway up a rock when Alison said she had to go for a pee. A minute later came this little voice from the bushes: 'You'd better come down Jim, my waters have broken.'" Captain Oates, you feel, could hardly have made less fuss about giving birth.

Fussing, of any kind, has no part in this family. When Alison climbed the North Face of the Eiger, she was six months pregnant with Tom. When she became the first person to climb the six major Alpine north faces, solo, in a single season, the whole family was with her all the way to each final push. When she made her first, unsuccessful, attempt on Everest last year, the children went with her up to 18,000ft.

This time, though, the family stayed at home. "Alison and I had always been determined that none of this should interfere with our kids. Tom had to start proper school, and one of us had to be here. On the Monday after she made the summit, the place was surrounded by television people, but at Kate's playgroup there is a rota system, and it was my turn to look after the children. The press boys were a bit surprised when I said 'right, I'm off to playgroup'."

Inevitably, Mr Ballard finds himself described as a New Man. He no longer runs the climbing shops where he met Alison as an 18-year-old "Saturday girl", and, while he is a climber himself, he has turned his attention to writing a series of books "about how to take your kids to dangerous places". This allows him to fulfil a traditional mothering role at home.

"I wouldn't know what a New Man was if I fell over him in the street. Where I was brought up everyone was expected to muck in. And with National Service, men didn't think twice about sewing on a button. There was nothing girly about a 6ft guardsman doing his ironing.

"I do the cooking when Alison's not here. The kids have a good set menu, but it's not exactly wide-ranging: pasta is my main thing, and I make a vegetarian sausage triple-decker sandwich that'll take your head off.

"Alison is a superb cook, when she has the time, and does the most exquisite profiteroles I have ever had. She is one of those annoying girls who is good at everything. They say she could be the greatest climber ever, regardless of sex. She also skis like a dream, and runs, swims and cycles as well as anyone. The only thing she can't do is play golf — but that is because she was such a good hockey-player." He is proud rather than boastful. "We decided that we would like two children, a boy and then a girl. So, being Alison, that is what she had."

In the most tasteful possible way, is it her climbing that makes her attractive to him? "Well, she doesn't look like female mountaineers used to look, like those British tennis players always did, like a horse. If you see her in Lycra, she has the legs of a modern runner, or one of those Californian girls in work-out videos. The muscle is there, but it isn't bulging. She is sleek, like a seal. But sex-appeal is all in the mind, isn't it?"

Again, he attributes his lack of romance to a Yorkshire thing. "She can be stunningly beautiful," he says, "in the right light." And if she decided to put on a dress and bake bread? "Then I would respect her equally. I am not her keeper. Although with all the sponsorship deals she has to wear things like fleece jackets, that don't really work with a skirt."

Questions of jealousy seem not to apply. "I have some skill as a climber, but Alison's talent is unique. I would love to climb Everest, but the only way now is to do it like her, without oxygen or a team — to do anything else would be like beating Linford Christie on a motorbike when he was on foot — I am not fit enough for that.

"The great thing about being an older husband [at 49, he is 15 years older than his wife] is that I can control my head. And I understand about living with genius, being tolerant but firm. If she had had an intense relationship with someone her own age it would have destroyed them both. Also, as a Yorkshireman I don't go in for all the lovey stuff — we don't have emotions up North."

Thus it is that he copes with the excesses of a wife the locals call "the spiderwoman". Behind every great woman there really should be this sort of man.

Let's face it, infants stink and so does motherhood

Bonny babies be blowed: **Kate Muir** celebrates the note of realism sweeping through the bookshelves

Considering how long it has been going on, it is curious that motherhood never spawned a literature, an oeuvre of its own. Certainly, there were and are plenty of headmistressy how-to books of the Miriam Stoppard and Penelope Leach sort, providing useful but ultimately banal advice on ounces of formula, motor development and diced carrots. Motherhood as science was fully covered, but motherhood as art was sadly neglected.

In the last year or two, however, there has been an outpouring of words from mothers — essays, memoirs and fiction which are sophisticated enough also to show the complexities, the humour, the spiritual and the dark side of motherhood which go unmentioned on the pregnancy and childcare shelves.

The key to the sudden success of these new works of literature is that they are written by mothers who were once human beings with lives, as opposed to professional childcare experts. They do not patronise. They say the previously unsayable. They admit the worst nightmares and the extraordinary, silly joys which were previously not discussed in public. By word of mouth, they have become bestsellers in America with the message: birth stinks; the first three months of parenting stink; it's possibly worth it.

Leading the mummy-literati is Louise Erdrich, author of four fine novels and mother of six, three of whom are adopted teenagers. Her book *The Blue Jay's Dance — A birth year* is a non-fiction account of what it is to be a parent — "an experience shattering, ridiculous, earthbound, deeply warm, rich, profound". Taking her baby daughter with her every day to her writing cabin opposite her farm in New Hampshire, Erdrich struggles with the conflicting demands of work and motherhood. Loving an infant, she says, "is uncomfortably close to self-erasure, and in the face of it one's fat ambitions, desperations, private icons and urges fall away into a dream-like *before* that haunts and forces itself into the present with tough persistence."

Writers like Erdrich also tackle the awful thoughts which mothers can hardly admit to themselves, but most experience: the desire, at 4am, after hours of screaming, to throw the baby out of the window. The solution is to let rip with the fullness of her vocabulary: "Alone with her, beyond tears, shaking sometimes, I use my most soothing tone of voice to call her names. The tone helps her, the words help me."

Annie Lamott, another novelist, admits to similar feelings in *Operating Instructions — a journal of my son's first year*: "I have had some terrible visions lately, like of holding him by the ankle and whacking him against the wall, the way you 'cure' an octopus on the dock." She knows she would never, ever lay a finger on her son Sam, and runs to him at the merest cry, yet the expression of such emotions — the desire just to plonk him outside on the doorstep on a particularly bad night — provides an enormous relief to those brought up with the self-sacrificing rules of Dr Spock.

MICHAEL DORRIS



Erdrich, mother of six and author of four fine novels

Somehow literary non-fiction, with its shades of grey rather than black and white, is a better medium for the amorphous subject of motherhood and fatherhood. As for birth itself, Erdrich complains that the advice books dare to describe contractions as "discomfort" when "unbearable pain" does not do the ship-inside-a-bottle feeling justice. One mother, when asked to describe the experience of giving birth said: "It's like having your hand chopped off as a criminal in Iran — would you suggest breathing exercises or aromatherapy to help him?"

The new literature is balm for those who fail to live up to the high expectations of traditional advice. The very idea that anyone would want to do sit-ups or something dubious called "pelvic tilts" days after the grim experience of labour is ridiculous. Great women novelists, it turns out, do not have stomach muscles that snap back into position within days. Lamott describes her stomach as looking "like a waterbed covered with flannel. When I lie on my side my stomach lies politely beside me, like a puppy." Essential truths like these have made Lamott's book a sell-out in New York.

Of course, there has always been a high literature of motherhood, but nothing that really got down to the nitty gritty. Literary mothers include Anna Karenina and Madame Bovary, both of whom came to a bad end, and Paul Morel's stifling, soul-destroying mother in D.H. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*. Neither can we forget the Jewish mama in *Portnoy's Complaint*, or indeed Norman's mother, Mrs Bates, on celluloid.

But these works were all written by men, and while providing fine insight into mother-child psychology, they do not supply the detail which women obviously crave. Although fathering is now being taken much more seriously, and men are often single parents, the statistics still astound: the average American father spends 42 minutes alone with his toddler per day. The great fathering book has yet to be written.

> 'Alone with her, beyond tears, shaking sometimes, I call her names'

Until fairly recently, author-mothers were a rarity — the Brontës, Austen, and Eliot were all childless. Now, however, the ranks include Nobel-prizewinning Toni Morrison, whose character in *Beloved* kills her daughter rather than have her grow up a slave. Her mother-love was "too thick", someone explains.

There are dozens of others, including Alice Walker, Barbara Kingsolver, Erica Jong, Alice Munro, Angela Carter, and Anne Tyler, whose new novel *Ladder of Years* is published this month in America. It tackles the topic of a mother who is so frustrated by her lot that she runs away, leaving her three teenage children with their father.

While posing as fact, books such as *Superkids in thirty minutes a day* may tell parents about nappies, but only fiction will tell them that the average baby uses seven thousand nappies in its lifetime. It requires writers like Lamott to risk telling us that she once lost her baby down the back of the futon, and that she tried sucking his dummy in front of the television, but gave up in case she became addicted.

Her heart-wrenching pride in her son also comes through. One day, she is so delighted by his improved strength at three months that she leaves this message on her answering machine: "We're out celebrating National Sam Lamott Improved Neck Control Week, but our operators are standing by to take your call . . ."

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Don't just react: initiate

Graham Mather says Britain must vary Europe's geometry

Yesterday's Cabinet meeting did not mark a turning-point in Britain's European policy. The Cabinet sub-committee was given a broad endorsement to continue its preparations for the 1996 inter-governmental conference. The British Government will resist any more qualified majority voting, any collapsing of the inter-governmental pillars, and any massive extension of European Parliament powers.

So far, so good for most British Conservatives. The gradual build-up is in line with Foreign Office thinking. Mandarins do not wish Britain's hand to be played too early. They point to the last-minute success of John Major in negotiating the Maastricht opt-out. Much better, they argue, to allow others to set out their stalls while Britain hopes for a minimalist outcome.

Yet this is the riskiest strategy of all. It fails to take account of how closely Europe's agenda-setters are watching British reactions to their proposals. Karl Lamers, the European policy architect of Germany's CDU/CSU, shows no signs of retreating from his ambitious centralising aims to move power away from member states and towards European institutions. Chancellor Kohl speaks of a Maastricht II and Maastricht III in which the federalist programme will be pursued patiently but ineluctably.

> German and French MPs would be delighted and amazed

Sensing the political wind, the European Commission is making increasingly bold attacks on Britain's social chapter opt-out. In late 1994, only Commissioner Padraig Flynn spoke openly in Brussels of ending the opt-out by 1996. This month, President Jacques Santer himself has made the same demand explicitly, publicly and in London.

Playing cards close to Britain's chest means that such initiatives are a one-way bet for the Commission. There is no disadvantage to attacking Britain's hard-won Maastricht successes, even though doing so is a patent attempt to reverse the treaty, as well as an abuse of the Commission's powers. The European Commission has no authority under the treaty to put forward such proposals.

Equally worrying for ministers is the risk that keeping a low profile will mean leaving it too late to build alliances in Europe. For example, the idea of stripping the Commission of its role in competition policy and handing that power to an independent authority is gaining ground. It is winning German and French support: yet the British Government seems to be too nervous to back the idea officially.

Most Conservatives want Britain to go further. We could demand a wide-ranging "agencification" of the European Commission itself. We could secure wide support for new ways of entrenching national parliaments in the European systems. There is backing both for a second chamber of national parliamentarians in the European Parliament and for a reformed system of joint parliamentary committees.

And there is plenty of support in European business circles for a significant cut in the powers of the European Court of Justice. European industry objects violently to the retrospective effects of recent court judgments.

Shifting to the front foot on these issues would transform the perception of Britain in Europe, which is of a reluctant and negative partner, lacking both will and skill to participate in shaping the European programme.

The shame is that Britain has much to offer. Our ten years' experience of decentralising government departments into autonomous agencies is tailor-made for export into the heart of the Commission. For the Commission has always lacked modern management structures and resembles an intellectual priesthood of the faith instead of an efficient agency with the skill to implement defined tasks.

Britain would win many friends if it were to insist that the Commission should shift its emphasis from proselytising to management.

French, Belgian and German national parliamentarians all currently complain that Europe is in danger of losing sight of the importance of national assemblies. Their astonishment would be matched by delight if Britain took the lead in Europe in promoting their cause.

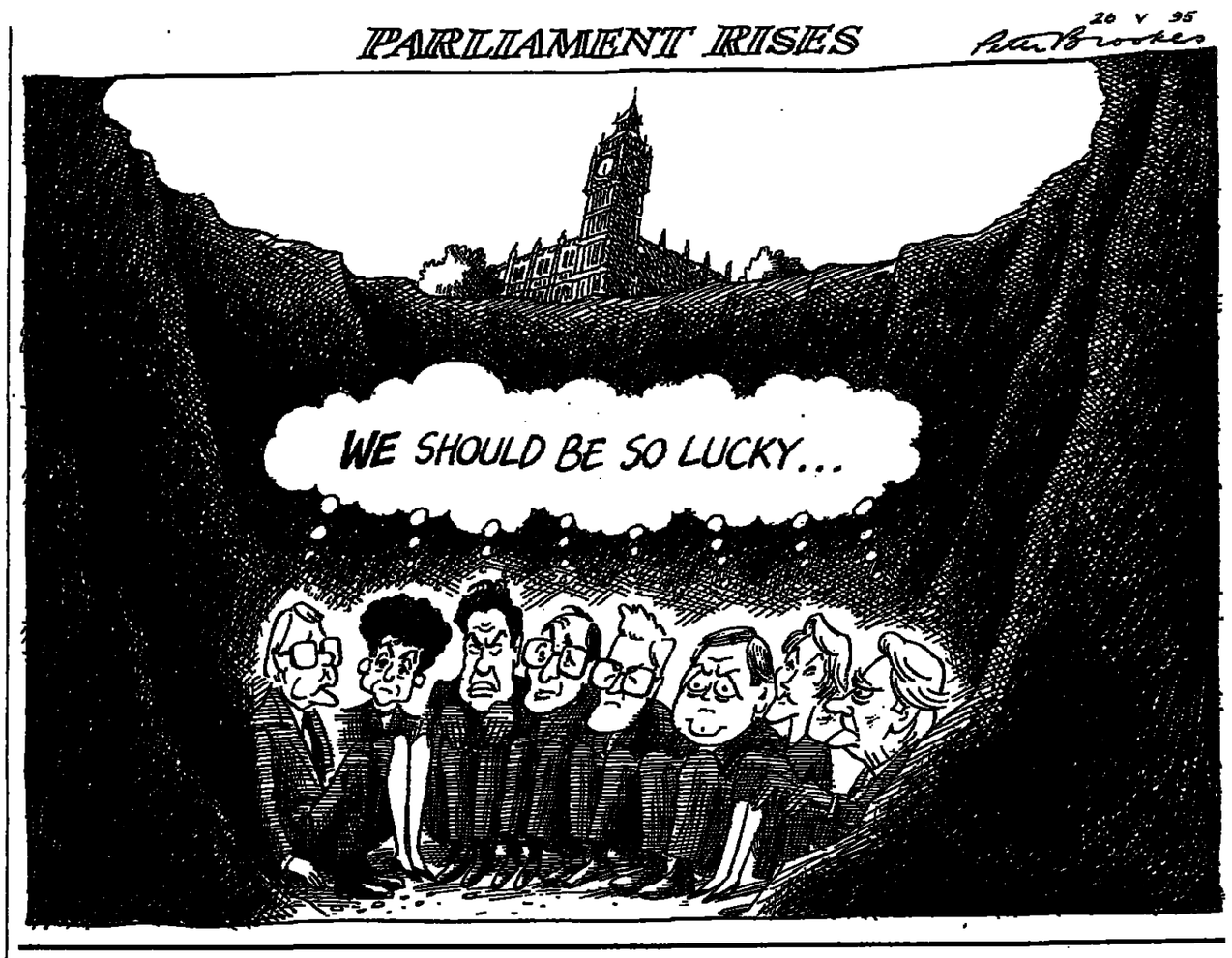
Why not start a campaign to speed up privatisation and to phase out state aids in Europe by the signing of the 1996 treaty? This would give the Commission more constructive things to ponder than the ending of Britain's opt-out.

None of these ideas will flourish if Britain fails to promote them. Unless it does, the only movement will be one way — against variable geometry and towards federal integration.

In Europe, the result will be missed opportunities. At home, the consequence of failure to set out a principled position will be to dishearten Conservative activists. Labour understands this point very clearly. Its insistence that its Euro MPs tone down their federalism led three-quarters of them obediently to abstain in the Parliament's typically maximalist 1996 report. They were responding directly to their sense of British public opinion.

On July 1, a Reflection Group will begin to make formal preparations for the inter-governmental conference. David Davis, as Minister for Europe, is Britain's representative. It is essential that by then he is equipped with a positive package of European reforms: both to secure Britain's existing position and to offer any realistic chance of making Europe's future one of variable geometry.

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More syndicate than sinning

Can I take out insurance against becoming a name at Lloyd's?

Bernard Levin

Yet again Lloyd's comes up for air. But at least I have something to show you. Despite all the millions of words spoken or written or published about Lloyd's of London (a good tranche of them contributed by me), I have only now found out that there actually was a man called Lloyd, some three hundred years ago, who had the idea. It is hard to guess what he would have thought about his brainchild today, when catastrophe after catastrophe pours niagarally into the laps of the sufferers.

Sufferers — and already I have used a word I should not have used, or at least not without examining the situation. Because, of course, in Lloyd's, there were and are people deserving every bruise and stab and fall, and there are other people who deserve only help and friendship and uplift, and there are people who cannot quite be classified in either category.

But let us begin with a story so dreadful that the mere thought of it chills the blood. I had heard of it some years ago, but I did not know the full details until now, from Adam Raphael's merciless book *Ultimate Risk*. Briefly, a trusted secretary, named Betty Atkins, was retiring after 25 years' service, and as a parting present her employer made her and a colleague, Silvia Hatton, Lloyd's names. Yes; I can see you shuddering already, but what I did not know until I read Raphael was that the boss who gave the parting presents did not help her, and nor did any person involved in this horror. Horror, you say? When she, with her last forlorn hope, wrote to the then chairman of Lloyd's, Murray Lawrence, he told her she must do nothing "to prejudice the reputation of LLoyd's". (By an odd quirk of time, the three years of Mr Lawrence's chairmanship coincided with the announcements of the market losing more than five billion pounds.)

What words, what words! What wonderful words! "Do nothing to prejudice the reputation of Lloyd's." Say it aloud, readers, over breakfast if you can steel yourself so early in the morning: "... the reputation of Lloyd's . . . reputation of Lloyd's . . . the reputation of Lloyd's". And that was not 300 years ago with the business run by the original Mr Lloyd; *our* Lloyd's was happy to roll in the muck, provided the money didn't run out. And in good time, the money did run out. The money? It had been turned into excuses. Been turned into? No; what was done, was done by human beings, knowing what they did.

For what has been more or less shuffled off the board are two terrible truths, truths that hide behind anything not actually transparent. Yes, the American asbestos and hurricane disasters, together with the Piper Alpha and the Exxon Valdes tragedies (the "acts of God" which started the slide into the black hole), made the already shaky Lloyd's even more shaky. But nevertheless, those two truths are real, and the first one is that Lloyd's had been rotten with cheating and twisting from top to bottom. And the second of the two truths is that it had also been rotten with incompetence from side to side. And until those dreadful poisons have been drained from Lloyd's, it is no use rummaging for bits and pieces to put the jigsaw right.

Lloyd's has also, in its time, had its fill of real crime, men who were not just shifty but truly criminal, swindling and getting away with it, and getting away with it not because the whole top layer was criminal but because the whole top layer was inefficient. These were the big boys, but the small ones (and many of those were very substantial) added up to a formidable sheet. For there was another kind of robbery, and it was of those who took innocents to one side and told them that they could make great gains, but did not mention that they could also make great losses, or that the great losses that might ruin the suckers for everything they owned.

And just as there were a few very big shady ones making hay, but a large number of small ones making straw, so there were a very few very big incompetents ruining thousands by their ineptitude, and a much greater number of braggarts who merely inveigled the innocents next door to believe that being names would confer great honour on them.

In no particular order, we can list the bits that destroyed Lloyd's: greed, ignorance, incompetence, stupidity, wickedness, vanity, laziness, selfishness, innocence; take your pick. At one extreme, innocence destroyed Betty Atkins and Silvia Hatton; at the other extreme, dishonesty paid well for Peter Cameron-Webb.

And now we are told that if another £2.8 *billion* is thrown into the pot, the 17,000 names who have been screaming the place down will go quietly into a mere grumble or two. Dear reader, would *you* step into the shoes of the two men — David Rowland and Peter Middleton — whose appalling task has been to straighten out all the bent matter in today's Lloyd's, and who have been wading for two years now through the giant mountain of money, wickedness, paper, noise, speculation and very little recompense, to sort out the last dregs of the Lloyd's names and the litigation? Well, would you go near the shoes, let alone step into them? For a million? Five million? Ten million? Ah, you must have cottoned on to the fact that the numbers are imaginary.

But have you not read Paul's Epistle to Timothy recently? You should have, because Paul was right. I know that practically everyone gets it wrong, by leaving out the first three words, but it is true — oh, it is true that "The love of money is the root of all evil". Yes, we must keep in mind that though Lloyd's always harboured rotters of various kinds, these were outnumbered by those who suffered from nothing worse than ignorance, and those who were most thoroughly ruined by Lloyd's were not especially greedy, and did not dream of billions.

No, they did not dream of billions, *but they knew nothing about the working, let alone the intricacies of Lloyd's.* Come; a test. Do you know what LMX stands for? If you were asked whether solvency in terms of the DTI is the only variation of assets available to the names, would you think that was good for you? What is Equitas, and what has it to do with the losses from Lloyd's? Do you know what London Excess of Loss means? Can you say what is meant by US third-party general liability?

Now: in those five sentences, one, and only one, is entirely gibberish, which I made up on the spur of the moment. Do you know which one is the nonsense? You don't? *Then what are you doing in Lloyd's?*

Some four years ago, I found myself writing roughly twice a month about Lloyd's, and the first such column began (rather like my mother putting a crumb of coal into my overcoat pocket to ward off the evil eye):

> I am a loyal, even a fervent, supporter of the capitalist system, but I do sometimes wonder why it seems to be organised, led and operated exclusively by numbskulls, dunces, boobies, dingbats, rattlepates, wallies and jobbernowls (to name but a few).

It is almost eerie to match what was being said about the Lloyd's catastrophe four years ago and what is being said today. Of course, most of the comment then was entirely taken up by the actual calamities, but in the breathing-space, a very pointed item reared its head, and it came from one of the groups that were trying to salvage something from the wreckage:

> It is astonishing how Lloyd's lags behind the rest of the City when it comes to introducing reforms. I am afraid it is not a genuinely professional body. It is still firmly in the 1970s, while the Stock Exchange and the rest of the City is living in the 1990s. Not only have underwriters made some appalling decisions, but a system has not been in place to weed out the idiots.

Four years have passed, and still the horrors come thick and fast. Messrs Middleton and Rowland will not, I think, finish their task this week, nor for very many more weeks either. Indeed, their task is likely to become worse, rather than better, as the cries of "What about me?" become more numerous and shrill as the final curtain begins to fall. But at least these two hard-headed men (I do hope they are hard-headed — we have barrelsful of the other kind already) will bring at least something out of the burning. But I have just invented a new proverb: Do not fish in a stinking river, and particularly do not do so twice.

Stop Press: I have just been told that five building societies have clubbed together to go *into* Lloyd's. Run for your lives!

Philip Howard



■ Sport is quick, but literature lasts longer

Most men find sport far more interesting than politics, money, love, washing-up or any other activity. Yet not much literature or art is inspired by sport, because sport is for the sweaty moment, not the ages. Once you know the result, it becomes boring. This weekend's top sport is unlikely to inspire poetry or any longer-living fiction than already appears on the sports pages.

This was not always the case. At the dawn of literature, no epic was worth its fee unless it included funeral games by land or sea. Great sculptors portrayed discus-throwers or Graces shaking a leg for gymnastics, and the first artists in stained glass put a man holding a cricket bat (or is it a hockey stick? A golf club?) in their windows.

The Pickwickians had a brief innings against the All-Muggletons for Dingley Dell. And the blacksmith with the serpentine clasp to his belt had a thunderous run-up in *England, Their England*. But they were subsidiaries to the main plot. The only good novel on the pretty game is *The Cricket Match* by Hugh de Selincourt. Inchoate rugby is played in *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, but that is more about hacking and the evils of training on strong drink than three-quarter tactics. The best modern literature about sport, by such as Kipling, Surtees and Masefield, concerns racing, hunting or polo, not team games in the popular sense.

Sportsmen from C.B. Fry and Ted Dexter to Sebastian Coe are always disappointments when they turn to politics. Byron may have been admired as a politician abroad, but as a cricketer only at Harrow, where they have little to admire. Politicians are never much good at sport, apart from such non-team and sedentary games as the grouse moor, the racecourse, junketing consultancies or skippering a yacht. And they display their ignorance when they try to court popularity by sporting metaphor, from Baroness Thatcher's notion that it is possible to hit sixes all round the wicket, to Lord Howe's misapprehension that it is a disadvantage to arrive at the wicket with a broken bat, rather than an opportunity for prolonged gamesmanship by the inspection of substitute bats brought out from the pavilion by the twelfth man.

Americans find cricketing terms sickeningly funny, from sticky wickets to straight bats and silly short-legs. But baseball metaphors, which are native to Americans who have never been near a game, are equally absurd to nations that don't play grown-up rounders. "He was born with two strikes against him, but I think you're way off base on that, and I hope to touch all the bases on this report. He sure threw me a curve that time." And what has poor old Homer, the first sporting poet, done that baseball-players find it admirable to hit him?

The fashionable political metaphor of moving the goalposts bears no relation to any sport played by man or woman, apart from Subbuteo. Goalposts can be moved at ice hockey only by an irresistible force meeting a not quite immovable object, and they are replaced at once.

The other rhetorical cliché, too, is sporting nonsense. Most playing fields are as level as the terrain allows, though Yeovil Town boasted an interesting slope that used to disconcert visitors. But since the sides change ends at half-time, any advantage is evened out. And it is not as obvious in sport as it is to politicians that there is an advantage in playing downhill. It might help the pack to work up momentum for a pushover try at Durban tomorrow. But in soccer it gives a side more control to play up a slope, so that through passes are slowed down instead of accelerated over the byline.

Politicians have no clue about the difference between a ruck and a maul, though either is a fair description of Prime Minister's Question Time: ruck in the muck, hands on the ball in a maul. Aeschylus and Socrates feature as strikers today only as the names of Latin American footballers. But the intellectuals these are named after actually played in the front row against the Medes and Persians.

Although Harold Wilson was proud that Huddersfield Town had risen from the fourth to the first division while he was Prime Minister, specialisation has generally segregated sports and politics and literature into separate stadiums, to their mutual loss.

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Run of bad luck

LINFORD CHRISTIE has been barred from the west London stadium named after him because of the Rugby World Cup in South Africa. The stadium has been adapted to erect a 500 sq ft television screen for rugby fans to watch the tournament, which kicked off yesterday.

So the captain of the British athletics team couldn't train at Acton's Linford Christie Stadium yesterday, and he won't be able to use it at weekends until June 24.

The stadium's name was changed from the West London Stadium after Christie won the Olympic 100 metres title in 1992. It is owned by Hammersmith and Fulham Council, which has leased it out to Rugby World Cup Promotions.

Ron Roddan, Christie's coach, said: "It is disgraceful. Linford and I went along to do some starts practice and they were building a bar across the indoor track. Linford is very annoyed. This is an athletics stadium and not a rugby ground. It's for local athletes, not London-based Aussies watching rugby."

Hammersmith and Fulham Council says the booking was taken six months ago and that an agreement was reached with Christie's club, the Thames Valley Harriers: "We very much regret any inconvenience this event has caused Linford. However, to be able to continue providing a free facility for him, we need to be able to take outside bookings. Without them we could not afford to keep the stadium going."


Linford: pulled up

Pardon me?

DESPITE his failing health, Lord Wilson kept his mischievous sense of humour. He was invited to address the Romanian Parliament in the 1980s by President Nicolae Ceausescu — an event of some moment for the regime.

Adopting the broad dialect of his ancestors, Wilson began: "Yorkshire born and Yorkshire bred, strong i'th'arm and weak i'th'head." Ceausescu and his comrades twiddled their earphones in despair as the translators sat open-mouthed in stunned silence.

Alarmer

THE LATEST tourist attraction to hit Sussex is an excursion best suited to Peruvian Indians. The Sussex Downs Conservation Board is promoting llama-trekking.

"We encourage horse-riding, cycling and now we want to encourage the use of llamas to the full," says Paul Tiplady, an executive with the board. Llama-owner Jennifer Spooner has eight of the spitting beasts on stand-by. "Llamas are environmentally friendly," she says in their defence. "They have small feet with a leathery pad which doesn't cut up the ground."

High life

AS MARTIN AMIS has recently shown, literary figures can make high demands in cash advances. The octogenarian author Herbert Huncke demands not money, however, but drugs before he performs. Huncke's work has inspired the likes of Jack Kerouac and William Burroughs; he is a confessed methadone addict and he is on a lecture tour of Europe.

On Sunday in London, he refused to read from his book, *The Evening Turned Crimson*, unless the organisers found him a gramme of cocaine. "It was a very unusual request which frankly we could not possibly run to," says the Lit Bureau's Christopher Bowerbank. "We sent up some large vodkas, which seemed to do the trick, and the reading went on."

● *Naomi Campbell's mother Valerie was in piercing form on Wednesday night at Dianoor's exhibition of jewels from the Mogul Empire in New Bond Street, where she came close to crippling a male model disguised as a Greek statue. She walked repeatedly over his bare feet in her stilettos before spotting that he was alive.*

Own goal

DUNCAN FERGUSON, the footballer who was yesterday sentenced to three months in jail after head-butting another player on the pitch, may care to while away his time playing a new game: the fantasy football league for prisoners, in which only footballers given jail sentences can play.

His "Lags XI" would boast an impressive array of international talent: George Best (Manchester United and Northern Ireland: drink-driving and assaulting a policeman); Peter Storey (Arsenal and England: pornography and plotting to counterfeit money); Tony Adams (Arsenal and England: drink-driving); Jan Molby (Liverpool and Denmark: reckless driving); Dennis Wise (Chelsea and England: assault on taxi driver); and Eric Cantona (Manchester United and France: attacking a spectator, commuted to community service).


"It's a pedal car — he doesn't need a written test"



BACK FROM BRUSSELS

Britain's ministers should say what they want

Next week David Davis, the Foreign Office minister from the group planning the revision of Maastricht, will meet his European Union colleagues in Messina. There in 1955 the foreign ministers of the six founding members of the Common Market met to translate the federalist visions of Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman into reality. The decision to meet, 40 years later, in the same place is symbolic: next year's inter-governmental conference will, many members hope, give the federalist ideal a further boost. Mr Davis should disabuse them.

The Government is now preparing its negotiating brief for the IGC. Already the search for alliances has begun. John Major flies to Bonn today for his annual meeting with Helmut Kohl. He will offer the German Chancellor support on a range of issues dear to him — the development of Europol, a veto on further funds for the Mediterranean at the expense of Eastern Europe — in return for German restraint over the Maastricht revisions. Mr Major believes that he has already won over the Germans into vetoing any more powers for Brussels. He has also found support for the continuation of an inter-governmental framework in deciding issues such as terrorism, asylum and police co-operation. And he will make much of joint Anglo-German proposals for competitiveness and a more deregulated European Union.

Next month he will fly to Paris, for a *tête-à-tête* with President Chirac a day after the Paris dinner for all the EU leaders to meet the new man in the Elysée. Again, the Prime Minister will be looking for common ground — at the Cannes summit and beyond. His blandishments will be utterly different from those offered in Bonn: the strengthening of the Western European Union, a slapping down of the European Parliament's pretensions and a determination to keep power within the Council of Ministers. He may win qualified French backing.

Britain's overall negotiating stance for the IGC, however, remains opaque, largely because of the unresolved differences within the Cabinet sub-committee drawing up the brief for the full overseas and defence policy committee. At issue is whether Britain can and should press not only to halt any further centralisation of Commission powers but also to have competences repatriated to member states that Brussels has now arrogated to itself. Euro-sceptics rightly accuse the Foreign Office of being defeatist in concluding that such a demand would be impractical and would leave Britain isolated; Douglas Hurd insists that it might still be possible to claw back some powers, though renationalising agriculture or single-market issues would be counter-productive.

The Foreign Office has refused to outline which areas of competence it thinks could practically be taken back from Brussels, and how much support Britain could win for such a demand. The suspicion must be that, in order not to alienate potential allies on the Continent, the diplomats are playing down the areas where EU responsibility should be limited. This would be a fatal negotiating mistake, as well as a move deeply unpopular within the Conservative Party and the country. Mr Davis is not going to Messina to negotiate; he should be taking a robust message that reflects politics in Britain. He should say what we want. It is up to the diplomats later to win what they can.

HOME AND WRATH

Mortgage-payers face yet another painful policy

If the Government had deliberately set out to infuriate the voters of Middle England, it could not have bettered the decision in last year's Budget to withdraw support for mortgage-payers who lose their jobs. When reminded of the inadequacy of private insurance for this purpose, the Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, flew into a rage on Wednesday and faxed an intemperate letter to the chairman of the Council of Mortgage Lenders. The reply, sent yesterday, is a measured but devastating indictment of Mr Lilley's policy.

All who take out new mortgages from this October and then lose their jobs through redundancy, illness or accident will no longer be able to rely on the Government to cover their mortgage payments for the first nine months of unemployment. Mr Lilley wants them instead to take out private mortgage protection policies. The trouble is that these policies are expensive, they often fail to pay out, and they cover at best half of the population.

Of all risks, unemployment is one of the hardest to cover through private insurance. It is heavily linked to the economic cycle, which means that claims tend to be bunched during recessions. Individual risks are difficult to assess because they depend as much on the economic climate as on the merits of a particular employee. The Government's own Social Security Advisory Committee confirmed last year the unsuitability of unemployment for private-sector cover.

If the policy is bad in principle, the evidence of practice is compelling. In the last recession, insurers faced many more claims than they expected and had to compensate with large increases in premiums and a tightening of the conditions for payment. The result, as a recent report commissioned by the Department of the Environment discovered, is that only a small minority of people covered by these policies managed to squeeze payment out of the insurance companies when they lost their jobs.

And these are employees who at least qualified for cover in the first place. Few private companies would want to insure those who are self-employed, over 55, in temporary or part-time jobs, on contracts, have a chequered work record or a pre-existing health problem. Yet, once the Government withdraws help for mortgage payments, lenders will almost certainly make a mortgage protection policy a precondition for a loan. Does that mean that all these people are to be excluded from owning a home?

The new, flexible labour market will be adding to the ranks of those who will not qualify for private insurance. All over Britain are employers who are reducing the numbers of staff jobs, contracting out work, hiring part-time and temporary people and engaging consultants or freelances. The trend is away from the traditionally low-risk borrower and towards the higher risks. At this rate, mortgage protection policies will become prohibitive.

Already they cost about £7 per £100 a month payment. So a £500-a-month mortgage will mean an extra financial burden of £420 a year for hard-pressed homeowners. That in itself could tip some borrowers into arrears. And the lack of cover is bound to lead to more repossessions: just what the housing market does not need.

These conditions will apply not only to those entering the housing market for the first time. Anyone who remortgages a property from October will also be drawn into the net. That could include people who have done no more than change from a floating to a fixed-rate loan or who have borrowed a little more to improve their homes. If Mr Lilley was enraged by the Council of Mortgage Lenders this week, it is nothing to the anger that he will provoke by this policy. For too many, an Englishman's home is in danger of becoming his millstone.

TUNES OF GLORY

Music still hath charms to lead the martial breast

The Ministry of Defence's decision to close the Royal Marine Barracks in Deal and transfer the Marines' celebrated School of Music to Portsmouth brings to an end the uncertainty hanging over the barracks since the IRA bombing in 1989. The Royal Marines, admittedly, will still learn their tunes of glory in the Navy's heartland; but it will be a melancholy, long, withdrawing diminuendo after two centuries of martial music.

Five years ago, the Armed Forces still employed 2,500 musicians in more than a hundred bands, at a cost of £62 million a year — far more than the country was then spending on all its professional classical orchestras. Every regiment had its uniformed players — though not all would have graced the grandstand on a Sunday afternoon. Some were so scrappy that, as a sergeant-major once complained, "they couldn't wake a baby at ten paces". Then came Options for Change. The number of bands was trimmed from around 100 to 30. A thousand jobs were lost.

In terms of the functions and efficiency of a modern fighting machine it is hard to justify expenditure on martial music. Army musicians double as medical orderlies in time of war; as recently as 1982 casualties in the Falklands were tended by flautists and trombonists. More quaintly, other bandsmen were designated to guard key points during a nuclear attack. But the main use of the bandsmen was, and remains, to keep up morale, for civilians and servicemen alike. The money earned as a tourist attraction by the daily ritual procession of guardsmen along the Mall must run into millions. Every year the finest bands enliven the Royal Tournament. Trooping the Colour, state visits, summits, funerals, festivals and VE-Day celebrations all depend on the frisson of men marching with their instruments to the relentless beat of the drum-major.

It is in the mesmerising effect of music that the misty origins of military bands are found. "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" asks Corinthians. Trumpets were first used as a *force de frappe* during the siege of Jericho, and Nebuchadnezzar deployed cornet, flute, harp, sackbut and psaltery to frighten the citizens of Babylon.

Military bands in England are generally dated back to the attachment of a force of hautboys to the Grenadier Guards in 1678; but the skirl of the bagpipes was heard in battle north of the border many centuries earlier. Indeed, the legend of the lone pipers marching into war lives on today, with the bagpipes helping victory in the Falklands.

A century ago the French made studies of marching songs to see which best improved the pace of the infantry, and concluded that 2:4 time, with the same foot always marking the beat, could make soldiers lame. Nowadays few march to music for so long; but fighting spirit will be the poorer if the music ever dies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New EC ruling on seatbelts

From the Director of the Consumers' Association

Sir, Two weeks ago I wrote to Steven Norris, the Transport Minister, warning him that delay in forcing operators to fit seatbelts in all coaches and minibuses — those which are new and those already on the road — could have "deadly consequences" for passengers.

I have today received a fax from the office of Neil Kinnock, the European Transport Commissioner, confirming that seatbelts will be compulsory in all new coaches from next year. It goes on: "Moreover, Member States may adopt specific in-use requirements". Clearly, it is open to the UK, as it has always been, to ensure that seatbelts are fitted to *all* coaches and minibuses, whether we are acting unilaterally or not.

Surely there can be no argument about this now? Research shows that fitting seatbelts saves one in ten lives in accidents, and averts one in four serious injuries. The cost of fitting a belt is around £25 per seat. These figures make the argument that coach travel is X or Y times safer than this or that alternative form of travel increasingly irrelevant. The Government has declared that coaches carrying children will have to have belts. But that is not enough. Irrespective of the particular circumstances of the dreadful crash on the M4 yesterday, we all deserve that extra chance to survive.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA McKECHNIE,
Director, Consumers' Association,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.
May 24.

Airline child safety

From Mr Peter Mazzotti

Sir, Your travel correspondent's article ("Could a child survive a plane crash?", May 18) highlights the inadequacy of current regulations covering the protective restraint of children under two years old whilst travelling by air.

The UK regulations require that these infants be held on an adult's lap and restrained by a supplementary safety belt; parents of children over six months old who have paid for them to have separate seats, may bring on board their own forward-facing car-type child seats. There is no provision at all for a correct and safe infant restraining system which of necessity would require all infants to have their own rearward facing seats.

All research into the safe carriage of infants in planes and cars concludes that they must be restrained in rear-facing safety seats if they are to be protected to the same standard as their adult companions. The regulations for infant passengers up to 10 kg in motor vehicles requires appropriate rear-facing safety restraints.

A safety seat has been developed specifically for rearward use in aircraft and it is now possible for this age group to be adequately protected. It only needs a change in the regulations, or an independent decision by the airlines, to make this equipment readily available to the public.

Recent pressure in the US by the National Transport Safety Board will probably change the regulations there. Who is going to take a lead in Europe?

Yours faithfully,
PETER MAZZOTTI
(Technical Director),
Stowaway Developments Limited,
Meon House, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Uses of technology

From Professor Peter Day, FRS

Sir, Most people agree that the remark quoted in your leader on technology of May 17 that likens a new scientific discovery to a new-born babe was made first not by Faraday, but by Benjamin Franklin.

Furthermore, great man that he was, Faraday cannot be given the title of discoverer of electricity, but of electromagnetic induction, magneto-optical rotation, etc, etc.

A relevant remark that does appear to have been made by Faraday under similar circumstances, however, states that although he had no idea about the usefulness of a particular discovery, he had little doubt that in 50 years the Government would find a way to tax it. Perhaps that is the true context of the Technology Foresight programme.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAY
(Director),
The Royal Institution of Great Britain,
21 Albermarle Street, W1.
May 17.

Lady Thatcher's legacy reviewed

From Mr I. A. Shapiro

Sir, It was not Lady Thatcher (letters, May 24) who refused a referendum on Maastricht and insisted on pushing through its ratification despite widespread mistrust, or judged Mr Santer "the right man for the job". It was Mr Major. The "inheritance" that shackles him is his own misjudgments, of which the latest is Nolan.

Yours truly,
I. A. SHAPIRO,
93 Oakfield Road,
Selly Park, Birmingham.
May 22.

From Mr Matthew Spry

Sir, Bruce Anderson's otherwise perceptive article of May 22 ("Time to end myth of the 'faultless premiership' ") is flawed by his assertion that Margaret Thatcher's premiership restored national pride.

On the domestic front, the legacy of her period in office is an increasingly divided, overly individualistic, and often selfish nation. And as regards foreign affairs, her forays into Europe, with the contradictions between her shrill rhetoric and actual concessions, were, as Anderson notes, confused and, to my mind, quite simply embarrassing.

The "national pride" associated with the Falklands War, which returned her to power in 1983, was jingoistic and superficial. The recent conference on Britain's role in the world (reports, March 27, 29, 30, leading article March 29) merely highlighted the extent to which this country feels lost.

Real, substantiated, national pride will, in my view, only be found in the pursuit of a greater sense of fairness, equality and collective responsibility. In this sense, it will occur despite Lady Thatcher rather than because of her.

Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW SPRY,
23 Ruthin Gardens,
Cathays, Cardiff 2.
May 22.

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir, I was interested by your account (May 22) of Ken Clarke's counter-attack on Lady Thatcher delivered on BBC TV's *On the Record* programme last Sunday. It was intriguing to follow his switches from "we" who "had a very successful growing economy" to (in the next sentence) "they" who "relaxed it for too long" and then back to "we" who "had boom followed by bust".

Clarke is, of course, right in laying some of the blame on Lady Thatcher. She should have rumbled and sacked Lawson and Howe much earlier, and curbed both the former's "dash for growth" and their joint conspiracy to frogmarch her into the ERM.

It is a pity that our children will have to wait thirty years to discover how hard Clarke, as a senior member of her Cabinet, strove to offset their bad advice, until — like Brutus — he had no honourable alternative but to take a leading part in her political assassination.

Yours faithfully,
LEWIS STRETCH,
3 Laroc Close,
Godmanchester,
Cambridgeshire.
May 22.

Drug legislation

From Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, Mr Nick Eades (letter, May 18) speaks with much foresight. Within a generation, he says, half the population will be routinely breaking the drug laws.

The Government must face the fact that cannabis is now widely used by young people. Certainly it can be harmful at times, particularly to some who are vulnerable to its effects. Within the last six months two of our patients in our hostel here have become acutely psychotic after smoking cannabis. But these episodes pale into insignificance when one looks at the effect of alcohol on human behaviour.

Year in and year out I record histories of prisoners charged with offences of violence; time and again alcohol has played a significant part in the offending.

Heroin is a drug of early addiction. Its use leads on to much suffering, whether by infection or the destruction of the quality of life both for the abusers and the victims of crimes committed by addicts. This drug should be savagely outlawed and the resources released by the non-policing of cannabis used to enforce the law effectively.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT REEVES
(Consultant forensic psychiatrist),
Fromeside Clinic,
Blackberry Hill,
Stapleton, Bristol, Avon.
May 18.

Lord Goodman

From the Warden of New College

Sir, I was sorry to see that in your interesting obituary of Lord Goodman (May 15) there was no reference to the great contribution he made to the Oxford Union Society.

Some 20 years ago, soon after assuming the Mastership of University College, Lord Goodman was invited by the Chancellor of the University of Oxford — Mr Harold Macmillan, as he then was — to become a trustee and to do all he could to support the society, which the Chancellor regarded as a bastion of Western democracy.

At that time the society was in difficulties: its finances were unsure, its membership was falling, its buildings were in serious disrepair. Lord Goodman applied all his skills to further the interests of the Oxford Union, making several substantial personal donations to it over the years. Today its finances stand on a solid footing, its membership has dramatically and enthusiastically increased, and the Union buildings are repaired and renovated.

This sea change has been greatly assisted by the wise guidance of Lord Goodman, and his relinquishment of the Chairmanship of the Trustees on account of his deteriorating health has only been recent.

As a measure of the affection and gratitude members of the Oxford Union held for him, one of its two libraries has been named after him, and over the chimneypiece his head, sculpted in bronze, dominates the room.

The plaque below the head puts it well, describing him simply as "benefactor".

Yours faithfully,
HARVEY McGREGOR
(Chairman, Oxford Union Trustees),
New College, Oxford.
May 19.

Housing and poverty

From Ms Robina Rafferty and Mr Paul Goggins

Sir, Ann Abrahams's letter (May 23) expresses the Citizens Advice Bureaux' anxiety about the consequences of the Jobseekers Bill. We would wish to link this with current proposals for changes in housing benefit and income support. These policy reforms will have a major impact on millions of lives, yet their implications appear contradictory.

Under the provisions of the Jobseekers' Bill, low pay will not be a valid reason for refusing work. More people will be forced to take jobs with insufficient wages, which in turn will increase their dependence on family credit and housing benefit.

Meanwhile, current proposals to limit housing benefit for private tenants are intended to reduce social security spending. So too is the decision to prevent unemployed homeowners from claiming income support for mortgage interest during the first nine months of their claim. The human cost of these changes will be immense, with widely predicted increases in indebtedness, repossessions and homelessness. They will further weaken the social security safety net for those who cannot afford private insurance cover.

The two aims are inconsistent. On the one hand a number of measures are intended to reduce spending on benefits, whilst on the other low wages and unemployment will continue to increase it. The social consequences, however, are clear: more people in poverty, increased insecurity, higher levels of homelessness and an ever more deeply divided society.

Complex issues and inter-related problems require more than piecemeal reforms. It is time for Government to act with greater compassion and coherence.

Yours faithfully,
ROBINA RAFFERTY
(Director, Catholic Housing Aid Society).

PAUL GOGGINS
(National Co-ordinator,
Church Action on Poverty),
209 Old Marylebone Road, NW1.
May 23.

Sanctions on Iran

From the Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Sir, It is bewildering that, at the end of the 20th century, at a time when the people of the world have come to detest war and bloodshed and the UN charter advocates settling differences by peaceful means, your respected newspaper should advocate military backing by the European Union of its economic sanctions against Iran (leading article, May 5).

You argue that the Americans are right to urge Russia to cancel its contract to supply Iran with nuclear reactors and a gas centrifuge system, and that the latter might be in breach of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Yet the Russians and Iran's other neighbours have no desire to create a threat to their own national security and there can therefore be no reason for them to transfer nuclear weapons technology to Iran. The centrifuge system to which you refer has never been included in the contract.

The Russians stated their opinions on the nuclear contract before and after President Clinton's recent visit to Moscow. It is the natural right of any nation to seek nuclear knowledge and technology (for peaceful purposes).

The argument that it is possible to convert nuclear technology to produce nuclear weapons does not justify its ban, in much the same way that one cannot justify banning fertilisers because they can be used to produce chemical weapons.

Yours faithfully,
MOHAMMAD SAFAEI,
Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
16 Prince's Gate, SW7.
May 22.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Safe disposal of Brent Spar

From Professor Alasdair D. McIntyre

Sir, By occupying the Brent Spar, Greenpeace demonstrated an admirable concern for protecting the oceans, and have performed a valuable service by drawing attention to the coming need for the decommissioning of many North Sea oil platforms. However, it may be that in selecting this particular structure, which is a floating storage buoy, not a typical North Sea installation, their argument is less than secure.

Dr Rice and his colleagues in the fields of oceanographic and marine sciences (letter, May 22) give guarded approval to deep-sea disposal, but Greenpeace appears to favour disposal on land. This would involve deballasting on site, bringing the 462ft structure to the horizontal, and towing it inshore through highly sensitive shallow waters, all with attendant risk of accident.

Once ashore the many operations involved in dismantling could produce a diversity of pollution problems — terrestrial, aquatic and atmospheric. The risk to the workforce from all these operations would be considerably greater than that posed by the more straightforward deep-sea disposal.

Greenpeace is at pains to protect the sea, but in this particular instance appears to ignore the greater risk to personnel and the environment from land disposal. The Brent Spar is there and must be removed. In such a situation it is important to examine all the options and take a balanced view.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. McINTYRE
(Chairman, Marine Forum for Environmental Issues, and Professor of Fisheries and Oceanography,
University of Aberdeen),
63 Hamilton Place, Aberdeen.
May 23.

Battle to compete

From the President of the Board of Trade

Sir, Predictably, your editorial of May 23, "Battle to compete", sees the principal contributor to Britain's present favourable economic circumstances as the decision to leave the ERM in 1992.

This enables you to dismiss the 70 business support measures in the competitiveness White Paper as "... worthy but will not impress".

I will acknowledge — as I did to the House yesterday — the short-term benefits of devaluation. But the benefits are temporary if the Government's first priority of stable economic management is not preserved and if supply-side competitiveness is not enhanced. This is the essential policy outlined in the White Paper.

Devaluation, for example against the German mark, has not allowed us to catch up with Germany over the last three decades. The progress we have made in the second half of this period reflects supply-side improvements.

Every major economy of which I have knowledge treats both these issues with due seriousness. It's time your newspaper noticed.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HESELTINE,
Department of Trade and Industry,
Ashdown House,
123 Victoria Street, SW1.
May 23.

Carry-on luggage

From Mr D. A. Barry

Sir, The logical and sensible solution to the problems of carry-on luggage (letters, April 19, May 9, 19) is to allow passengers to make their duty-free purchases when they arrive at their destination.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. BARRY,
2 Catherine Close,
Shrivenham,
Oxfordshire.

From Mrs Penelope Martin

Sir, Should Mrs Carlebach (letter, May 19) wish to purchase a skirt, jacket, blouse, shoes, handbag, stole, whisky, chocolates and smoked salmon "duty free" at an airport, she would do best to buy them at the airport in Istanbul where I was enchanted, last June, to see there was also a wide variety of suitcases on sale in the duty free section, presumably so that enthusiastic shoppers will still only have one piece of hand-luggage to carry on to the plane.

Yours faithfully,
PENELOPE MARTIN,
12 Willow Road, NW3.
May 19.

Cannot tell a lie

From Dr Denis Cashman

Sir, I should like to assure readers that there was no intention upon my part to deceive when I said it was not me driving the car but Sebastian Coe.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
DENIS CASHMAN,
4 Derwent Road,
Cullercoats,
Tyne and Wear.
May 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 25: The Amir of the State of Kuwait this morning received the Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP (Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party).

His Highness afterwards received the Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Leader of the Opposition).

The Amir of the State of Kuwait later met the Heads of Mission of the Member Countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council and Damascus Declaration Countries.

His Highness subsequently received an All Party Group of Members of Parliament.

The Amir of the State of Kuwait afterwards attended a Reception at Buckingham Palace for Gulf War Veterans and Members of the Gulf Families Association.

His Highness this afternoon attended a Reception for Kuwaiti Students in the United Kingdom at 22 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

The Amir of the State of Kuwait later received the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd MP (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

Mr David Mackilligin was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as Governor of the British Virgin Islands. Mrs Mackilligin was received by Her Majesty.

Her Excellency Señora Veronica Lacayo de Gomez was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of her predecessor and her own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Nicaragua to the Court of St James's.

Her Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Miss Liza Tuckler.

Señor Julio Gomez was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr David Ridgway was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Bolivia. Mrs Ridgway was received by Her Majesty.

Mr Andrew Wood was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Russian Federation. Mrs Wood was received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained by The Amir of the State of Kuwait this evening at a Banquet at Claridge's, London W1. The Duchess of Grafton and the Right Hon Sir Robert Fellowes were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, Army Cadet Force, this evening attended a Reception for the Army Cadet Force Association at St James's Palace.

May 25: The Prince Edward this morning received His Excellency Mr Tádé Alföldy, Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended a Concert given by the London Mozart Players at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

May 25: The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning chaired and addressed the Crime Concern Scotland Annual Conference 1995, Partnerships in Action, at the Carlton Highland Hotel, North Bridge, Edinburgh, and was received by Colonel William Dalziel (Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh).

Her Royal Highness, Visitor, this afternoon visited the Strathcarron Hospice, Denny, Stirlingshire, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Scotland, afterwards opened the Falkirk Voluntary Centre, Old Sheriff Court, Hope Street, Falkirk. Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 25: The Prince of Wales this morning visited West Dean Gardens Visitors Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (Major General Sir Philip Ward). Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later visited Brighton and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

The Prince of Wales, President, the Fountain Society, this afternoon visited the restored Victoria Fountain at Old Steine. His Royal Highness, Patron, Friends of the Royal Pavilion Art Gallery and Museums, afterwards visited the Royal Pavilion.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, subsequently attended the launch of the Macmillan Appeal for a Brighton and Hove Hospice, Brighton Pavilion.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the National Trust Centenary Appeal, later visited Wakehurst Place, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Dr Manon Williams was in attendance.

This evening The Prince of Wales was entertained at a Banquet given by The Amir of the State of Kuwait at Claridge's, London W1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala Fashion Show given by the Royal College of Art at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1. Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

May 25: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained this evening at a Banquet given by The Amir of the State of Kuwait at Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1.

YORK HOUSE
May 25: The Duke of Kent this morning visited the Army Medal Office, Worcester Road, Droitwich, Worcestershire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Sir Thomas Dunne).

His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon visited Ricoh United Kingdom Products Limited, Priorslee, Telford, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire (The Viscount Boyne).

The Duke of Kent later visited Single Service Limited, Hortonwood, Telford, Shropshire. Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent was entertained this evening at a Banquet given by the Amir of the State of Kuwait at Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 25: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were entertained this evening at a Banquet given by the Amir of The State of Kuwait at Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philippe de Champaigne, painter, Brussels, 1602; Sir Henry Vane, parliamentarian, Hadlow, Kent, 1613; Sir William Petty, political economist, Romsey, Hampshire, 1623; John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, soldier, Ashe, Devon, 1650; Nicolaus Zinzendorf, leader of the Moravian Church, Dresden, 1700; Sir George Staunton, writer, Salisbury, 1781; Edmund de Goncourt, novelist, Nancy, France, 1882; Mary, Queen Consort of King George V, Kensington Palace, 1867; Al Jolson, singer, Seredzius, Lithuania, 1886; Sir Eugene Goossens, composer and conductor, London, 1893; John Wayne, film actor, Winterset, Iowa, 1907; Robert Morley, actor, dramatist, Semley, Wiltshire, 1908.

DEATHS: St Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury 597-604, Canterbury, 604; Samuel Pepys, diarist, London, 1703; Sir James Phillips Kay-Shuttleworth, philanthropist and educator, London, 1877; John Curwen, music educator, founder of the tonic sol-fa system, Manchester, 1880; Charles Mayo, surgeon, Chicago, 1939; Martin Heidegger, philosopher, near Lake Constance, 1976; Tamara Karsavina, prima ballerine, Beaconsfield, 1978.

£1 and £2 banknotes were first issued in England, 1797.

The American Civil War ended, 1865.

Michael Barrett, a Fenian, was executed in London — the last public execution, 1868.

School news

Farlington School, Horsham, West Sussex
There will be a reunion of all former pupils at Farlington on Friday, June 9, from 3.00-6.00pm. All Old Girls are warmly welcome. For further details contact Mrs Diana Heath at Farlington School. Tel: 01403 254967.

Giggleswick School - Catteral Hall
The Governors and Headmaster of Giggleswick School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Martin Morris to be Headmaster of Catteral Hall, the Preparatory School for Giggleswick, in succession to Mr John Streule who is retiring. Mr Morris, a Housemaster at Leighton Park School, will take up his position in September 1995.

Sevenoaks School
The Governors of Sevenoaks School announce the appointment of Mr Thomas R. Cookson as Headmaster from September 1996. Mr Cookson is currently Headmaster of King Edward VI School, Southampton, and will succeed Mr Richard Barker who retires at the end of the summer term 1996.

Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire
The following Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded in 1995:
The Wellesley Scholarship: Christopher Williams, Aldro School.
The Benson Scholarship: Richard Mobbs, Milbourne Lodge School.
The Fisher Scholarship: Christopher Solomides, Brockhurst School.
The West Scholarship: Adam Hogg, Milbourne Lodge School.
The Richard Morrison Scholarship: Matthew Newman, Milbourne Lodge School.
Four Continuation Scholarships: Henry Allen, Eagle House; Paul Chamberlain, Eagle House; Thomas Clode, Eagle House; Matthew Wood, Eagle House.
An Open Scholarship for merit in Mathematics and Science: Simon Coleman, Eagle House.
An Open Scholarship for merit in the Arts: Gareth Phillips, Eagle House.
The Art Scholarship: Andrew Yorke, Brambletye.
Art Exhibitions: Nicholas Chadwick, Rokeby School; George Owen, Northaw School.
Exhibitions: Jonathan Baylis, Eagle House; James Brayshaw for merit in Maths, Halleybury Junior; Thomas Heathcote for merit in Music and Maths, Barfield; Thomas Mitchell for merit in Science, Eagle House; Simon Redwood, St Andrew's, Horsell; Stephen Rivers, Wellington College & Eagle House.
Music Scholarships: George Humphreys, Christ Church Cathedral School; Christopher Coldwell, Yateley Manor School; William Coldwell, Yateley Manor School; Piers Foster, Hall Grove.
Music Exhibition: David Oakes, Eagle House.
Academic Awards for Girls joining the Sixth Form: Louisa Fewtrell, Badminton School; Alison Howard, Wykeham House School; Victoria Redwood, Tormead School, Guildford.
Music Exhibition for a Girl joining the Sixth Form: Polly Brunel-Cohen, The Marist Convent, Ascot.
Wellington College is a registered charity which exists to provide education.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Aberdeen University at 2.30 to mark its quincentenary.

Princess Margaret will open the Parkinson's Disease Society's respite care flat, Royal Northern Infirmary, Inverness, at 2.45.

People and Places

"Dearest Evelyn, Darling Nancy" a selection of the letters between Evelyn Waugh and Nancy Mitford was read by Miss Prunella Scales and Mr Timothy West at a Soirée in the People and Places series held last night at 33 Chesham Place in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital Children's Appeal. Mrs Panagiotis Lemos presided.

Service luncheon

School of Electronic and Aeronautical Engineering
Colonel Stephen Abate, Commandant of the School of Electronic and Aeronautical Engineering, presided at the inaugural ladies luncheon held yesterday at Arborfield.

Steven Rainbird

A thanksgiving service for the life of Steven Rainbird will be held at St Olave's Church, Hart Street, London, EC3, on Friday, June 2, at 4pm.

Memorial services

Sir Ronald Harris

The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Right Rev David Say, who was robed and in the sanctuary, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Ronald Harris held on Wednesday in Southwark Cathedral. The Very Rev Colin Slee, stepson-in-law and Provost of Southwark, officiated.

Mr Patrick Locke, Secretary of The Church Commissioners, and Mr William Harris, QC, cousin, read the lessons. Mr Jolyon Barker, grandson, Miss Ruth Slee, step-granddaughter, and Mr Ian Ricketts, son-in-law, read from Sir Ronald's own writings. The Right Rev Lord Runcie gave an address.

Michaela Resetova, piano, and Nicholas Rippon, violin, students at the Yehudi Menuhin School, played music by Chopin and Bach.

Among others present were:
Mr and Mrs Jocelin Harris (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Richard Barker (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Ian Ricketts and Miss Olivia Harris (daughters), Mrs Colin Slee (step-daughter), Dr Rosalind Barker, Mr Thorold Barker and Mr Trevor Williams (grandchildren), Miss Rachel Slee (step-granddaughter), Mrs David Money (sister), Dr and Mrs Andrew Verney and Professor and Mrs Richard Hare (brothers-in-law and sisters), Lady Redman and Lady Verney (sisters-in-law), Sir Lawrence Verney (brother-in-law), Mrs Hermione Karlim, Miss Francesca Verney, Mr Caspar Verney, Miss Tessa Abrams, Mr and Mrs Adam Craig, Mrs Susan Pennell, Mr and Mrs Jonathan Harris, Mrs William Harris, Mr and Mrs Mark Le Fanu, Mrs Rhoda Cowen, Mrs Elizabeth Cowen.

The Dowager Duchess of Hamilton, the Earl of Mansfield (representing the Crown Estate) and the Countess of Mansfield, Viscount Churchill, Viscount Bridgeman with Mr David Lawrence-Jones, Archdeacon Derek Hayward, Mr William Rathbone, Sir Nigel Strutt and Mrs Jenny Carter (representing The New England Company); the Bishop of Chelmsford, Mrs R D Say, the Right Rev Michael and Mrs Mann, the Right Rev John and Mrs Bickersteth, Lady Trend, Colonel the Hon P N Trustram Eve, Lady Arbuthnot, Sir Marcus Worsley, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Sir Anthony Touche, Sir John Margetson, Sir Alan Pullinger, Sir Paul and Lady Osmond, Sir Douglas and Lady Lovelock, Sir John Herbecq, Sir William van Straubenzee, Dame Josephine Barnes, Sir Arnold France, Lady Hayter, Lady (Susan) Cox.

Baroness van Randwyck, Prebendary I Barrall, Canon Eric James, Canon and Mrs Tony Barnard, Sister Marjorie Seymour, Mr C G Mays, Dr Ronald Davey, Mrs Jill Dann, Mr Simon Gray, Mr Bobby Furber, Mr Michael Barnes, Mr Gordon Burrett, Mr John Chadwick, Mr Tim Robinson, Mr Douglas McKean, Miss Janet Allen, Mr Christopher Morcom, QC, Mr and Mrs J Miller, Mr and Mrs David Widdup, Mr and Mrs Ian Campbell, Mr Graham Smallbone, Mr Dan Isaaman, Mr Simon Slee, Mr John Barker.

Mr J W McIntyre (Secretary-General, the Church in Wales), Mrs Margaret Laird (Third Church Estates Commissioner), Mr John Smallwood (a Church Commissioner and chairman, Southwark Diocese Board of Finance), Mr Alan Cooper (deputy chairman, Central Board of Finance of the Church of England) with Mr David Williams; Mr Michael Gillingham (Advisory Board for Redundant Churches), Mr R B Marson (St Peter's College, Oxford), Mrs Gillian du Charme (Headmistress, Benenden School) with Mr Robin Dalton Holmes (bursar and secretary) and Mrs Dalton Holmes, Mr Nicolas Chisholm (headmaster, Yehudi Menuhin School) and Mrs Chisholm with Mrs Barbara Fisher (chairman, Board of Governors), Mrs M O Hubicki and Mr Adam Ridley; Mr Frank Giles (chairman, Painshill Park Trust) and Mr David Taylor (Painshill Park Education Trust and the Princess Margarita of Romania Trust).

Professor Sir Geoffrey Elton

A commemoration of the life and work of Sir Geoffrey Elton, Litt.D, FBA, Regius Professor of Modern History 1983-88, and Fellow of Clare College 1954-94, was held at Great St Mary's, Cambridge, last Saturday. There were addresses by Professor Lewis Elton, brother, Professor Patrick Collinson and Professor Sir Michael Howard, and a reading by Mr Ben Elton, nephew. Dr Bob Hepple, Master, announced the establishment by Clare College of a G.R. Elton Postgraduate Studentship, contributions to which are invited.

Among those present were:
Lady Elton (widow), members of the Elton and Ehrenberg families, the Vice-Chancellor and Lady Williams, Professor Quentin Skinner, Sir Keith Thomas, Sir John Kingman and The Headmaster of Rydal and Mrs Thorne.



Helena Bonham Carter, the actress, is 29

Birthdays today

Mrs Susan Baird, former Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of Glasgow, 55; Mr Michael Bates, MP, 34; Miss Zola Budd, athlete, 29; Miss Gill Coleridge, literary agent, 47; Mr Jeremy Corbyn, MP, 46; Mr Roy Dotrice, actor, 70; Sir David English, chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Associated Newspapers, 64; Sir Peter Fry, MP, 64; Mrs Judith Goodland, Headmistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 57; Mr Anthony Greener, chairman, Guinness, 55; Lord Gridley, 89; Mr Alan Hollinghurst, novelist, 41; Sir Kenneth Jones, former High Court judge, 74; Sir Patrick Kingsley, former Keeper of the Records, Duchy of Cornwall, 87; Miss Peggy Lee, singer, 75; Mr Alec McCowen, actor, 70; Lord Mayfield, 74; Mr Michael Portillo, Employment Secretary, 42; Mr David Prichard, Headmaster, Wycliffe College, 61; Sir Colin Sampson, former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, 66; Mr Ian Sparks, chief executive, The Children's Society, 52; Lord Stevens of Ludgate, 59; Wing Commander Sir Kenneth Stoddart, former Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, 81; Mr Philip Treacy, fashion designer, 28; Mr Glen Turner, cricketer, 48; Air Marshal Sir John Walker, 59; the Earl of Wharncliffe, 42.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Oman.

Africa European Community Association
Lord Plumb, MEP, President of the Africa Caribbean Pacific-European Union Joint Assembly, delivered the address at the Africa Day luncheon held by the Africa-European Community Association at the New Connaught Rooms yesterday. Sir Dawda Jawara, former President of The Gambia, was made an honorary fellow of the association. Mr Roger Sibley presided. Mr Anthony Acheampong also spoke.

Dinners

HM High Commissioner
Lady Fraser, Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Sir William Fraser gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, Sir Thomas and Lady Macpherson, the Hon Mrs J Buchanan Smith, the Rev John and Mrs Cairns, the Rev Victor and Mrs Dobbin, the Very Rev Graham and Mrs Forbes, Mr and Mrs Frank Frame, Mr Douglas Fraser, Miss Isabel Fraser, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Kelly, the Rev Murdo Alec and Mrs MacLeod, Mr and Mrs James Naughtie and Mr and Mrs Garry Weston.

Loriners' Company
Alderman Sir Francis McWilliams, Master of the Loriners' Company, presided at a livery dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Mr John F.S. Northcott, Upper Warden, and Mr Charles Winter also spoke. The Crown Equerry and the Masters of the Barbers', Joiners' and Ceilers' and Chartered Surveyors' Companies were among the guests.

Royal Academy
The Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the annual dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts held last night at Burlington House. Sir Philip Dowson, PRA, presided and Judge Stephen Tumim also spoke. Among those present were:
The Ambassadors of Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, the High Commissioners for Kenya, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Mr Norman Ackroyd, RA, Professor Norman Adams, RA, and Mrs Adams, Mr Craigie Aitchison, RA, Chief Ajao, Ms Mary Allen, Mr Charlie Allen, Mr Nicholas Allott, Mr Colin Amery, Miss Diana Armfield, RA, Sir David Attenborough, Mr Robert Ayling, Miss Gillian Ayres, RA, Mr William Baillie, Mr David Barker, Dr Wendy Baron, Mrs Griselda Bear, Ms Simi Bedford, Mr John Bellany, RA, Mr Jonathan Benthall, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Dr Adotey Bing, Sir Harrison Birtwistle, Mr Richard Biscoe-Taylor, Mr Peter Blake, RA, Mr Norman Blamey, RA, Miss Sandra Blow, RA, Mr Paul Boateng, MP, Mr William Bowyer, RA, Mr Laurie Bray, Professor H.T. Cadbury Brown, RA, Mr Jeffrey Camp, RA, Mrs Massimo Carello, Sir Richard Carew Pole, Professor Peter Carolin, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson, Mr Patrick Caulfield, RA, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Ms Mavis Cheek, Sir Trevor Chinn, Mr David Chipperfield, Lord Chorley, Miss Ann Christopher, RA, Mr Trevor Clark, Mr Geoffrey Clarke, RA, Mr Timothy Clifford, Professor Bernard Cohen, Mr Peter Coker, RA, and Mrs Coker, Miss Jean E Cooke, RA, Professor Alan Cornish, Mr Tony Cragg, RA, Mr John Craxton, RA, Mr Edward Cullinan, RA, Mr Frederick Cuming, RA, Mr Gus Cummins, RA, Professor Trevor Dannatt, RA, Mr Ivor Davies, Lady de Grey, Dr Jennifer Dickson, RA, Professor Bartolomeu dos Santos, Mr Jonathan Dove, Lady Dowson, Mr Kenneth Draper, RA, Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA, Ms Jennifer Durrant, RA, Mrs Juliana Edeworthy, Miss Jayne Edwardes, Mr Ralph Erskine, Miss Eldred Evans, Mr Anthony Eyton, RA, Mr Brad Faine, Mr Stephen Farthing, Miss Mary Fedden, RA, Mrs Tamara Finch, Mr Alan Fluck, Mr Colin Ford, Mr Noel Forster, Mr Edward Fox, Mr Donald Hamilton Fraser, RA, Mr Peter Freeth, RA, Mr Terry Frost, RA, Mr William Gear, Mr Michael Gee, Mrs Charlotte Gere, Sir Paul Girolami, Mr Jack Goldhill, Mr Mel Gooding, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Mr Frederick Gore, RA, Mr Richard Gray, Mr Anthony Green, RA, Mr Christopher Green, Mr Graham Greene, Mr Nicholas Grimshaw, RA, Ms Zaha Hadid, Canon R Halliburton, Ms Maggi Hambling, Ms Natalie Hambro, Professor Eric Handley, Ms Eileen Harris, Mr John Harris, Professor Francis Haskell, Mr Colin Hayes, RA, Mr Josef Herman, RA, and Mrs Herman, Mr John Holroyd, Ms Polly Hope, Mr Ken Howard, RA, Mr John Hoyland, RA, Mr Patrick Hughes, Mr Ian Hurst, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, Mr Sidney C Hutchison, Miss Eva Jiricna, Ms Katharine Jones, Mr Allen Jones, RA, Professor Peter Jones, Mr Paul Josefowitz, Mr and Mrs Donald Kahn, Mr Peter Kendall, Lord Kennet, Mr Michael Kenny, RA, Sir Anthony Kenny, Mr Jonathan Kent, Professor Phillip King, RA, Mr Martin Kingston, Mr Bryan Kneale, RA, Mr Paul Koralek, RA, Sir Denys Lasdun, RA, Ms Julie Lawson, Miss Sonia Lawson, RA, Mr Ben Levene, RA, Dr Gerald Libby, the Countess of Lichfield, Sir Sidney Lipworth, Mr Murray Loake, the Hon Robert Loder, Ms Josephine Lundberg, Mr Richard MacCormac, RA, Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Dr John Mack, Professor A MacMillan, Ms Fiona Maddocks, Mr John Madejski, Mr Leonard Manasseh, RA, Mr Michael Manser, RA, Mr Terry Mansfield, Mr Robert Mason, Mr Leonard McComb, RA, Mr John McEwen, Miss Susie Medley, Mr Henry Meyric Hughes, Dr Jonathan Miller, Mr Dhruva Mistry, RA, Mr Mick Moon, RA, Mr Allan Morgenthau, Mr Richard Morphet, Ms Janet Nathan, Mr Brendan Neiland, RA, Mr Robert Newell, Mr Anthony Oppenheimer, Mr Johnson Osei-Hwedieh, Mr William Packer, Miss Jennifer Page, Miss Roxana Panufnik, Professor Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, RA, Mr John Partridge, RA, Mr Victor Pasmore, RA, and Mrs Pasmore, Mr John Perring, Ms Julia Peyton-Jones, Mr Tom Phillips, RA, Ms Ruby Philogene, Sir Philip Powell, CH, RA, Mr Tom Purves, Mr John Raisman, Dr Jessica Rawson, the Rev Donald Reeves, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Mr Bryan Robertson, Mr Piers Rodgers, Mr Michael Rooney, RA, Mr Norman Rosenthal, Mr Leonard Rosoman, RA, Lord Rothschild, Mrs Lynette Royle, Mr Anthony Sampson, Mr Gordon Samuel, Mrs Basil Samuel, Professor Michael Sandle, RA, Mr Nicholas Savage, Mr Peter Schmitt, Mr James Scott, Mr Raymond Seitz, Ms Lynn Shepherd, Ms Vera Small, Mr John Sorrell, Mr Iain Sproat, MP, and Mrs Sproat, Mr Frank Stella, Mr Ian Stephenson, RA, Ms MaryAnne Stevens, Mr Philip Sutton, RA, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Sir Anthony Tennant, Mr Peter Thomas, Mr Nick Tite, Judge Stephen Tumim, Mr Euan Uglow, Lady Vaizey, Professor Richard Verdi, Professor Alan Watson, Mr Carel Weight, RA, Mr Anthony Weldon, Sir Anthony Wheeler, Mr Anthony Whishaw, RA, Miss Heather Wilkinson, Mr Colin St John Wilson, RA, Lord Windlesham, Mr Giles Worsley and Sir Peter Wright.

Calls to the Bar

Easter Term 1995
Call Day: May 25

Inner Temple
H Kaur, Walsall, West Midlands; P Chau; Liverpool; E R De Ste Croix, St Peter, Jersey; C Katsapaou, London N15; H M McKay, London SW11; C P MacKenzie, Bangor, Co Down; A Efstathiou, London N12; E M Robinson, Worcester; P J Brady, Hornchurch, Essex; D E Taylor, Meltham, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire; A L Macfarlane, former solicitor, Bath, Avon.

Middle Temple
J H H Liew-Mouawad, London SW6; P V Hawthorne, Handsworth, Birmingham; L S Hatch, Stansted, Kent; M J Walsh, Dublin, Eire; M J Pye, Chapel Allerton, Leeds; D A Redfern, former solicitor, London W2.

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Lincoln's Inn
P Boothroyd, Huddersfield; M J Dowle, Ash, Hampshire; M Mohammed, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia; N A Syed, London W3; P J Smyth, Woodbridge, Suffolk; D J Whiting, London W2; K Yusuf, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia; S A Sher, London E17; N M Khan, Bramhall, Stockport; A Owaisi, Hyderabad, Hyderguda, India; D C Griffiths, Paget, Bermuda.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J.D. Croft and Miss L.S.A. Fisher
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs John Croft, of Caterham on the Hill, Surrey, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Fisher, of Henfield, West Sussex.

Mr R. Delew and Miss A. Kleeman
The engagement is announced between Russell, younger son of Mr and Mrs Sydney Delew, of Redbridge, Essex, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Kleeman, of Hampstead, London.

Mr L.F. Dunlop and Miss M.G. Elgin
The engagement is announced between Fergus, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Dunlop, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Miranda, daughter of Mrs Clare Elgin and the late Mr Robert Elgin, of Ford, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. Dyer and Miss S.K. Willis Fleming
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Dyer, of Ngare Ndare, Kenya, and Sophie Katherine, younger daughter of Sylva and the late Pete Willis Fleming, of Duckings, Blackboys, Sussex.

Mr W.D. Ferguson and Miss K. Knox
The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Captain and Mrs Alan Ferguson, of Fairseat, Kent, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K.B. Knox, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr J.W.S. Hosking and Miss M.C. Cass
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W.J.S. Hosking, of Fentongollan, Truro, Cornwall, and Miranda, third daughter of Sir Geoffrey and Lady Cass, of Cambridge.

Mr S.J. McDermott and Miss D.M. Shortenski
The engagement is announced between Stephen John, son of Mr and Mrs John McDermott, of Lindfield, West Sussex, and Diane Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Joshua David Shortenski, of Albany, New York.

Mr P.A. Chapple and Miss L.J. Abrams
The engagement was announced in London on May 1, 1995, between Paul, son of Mrs Sylvia Chapple, and Lisa, daughter of Mrs Judy MacKilligin.

Mr J.D. Newbery and Miss S.L. Eden
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs David Newbery, of Newdigate, Surrey, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Eden, of Rayleigh, Essex.

Mr D.P. White and Miss A.S.M. Cocks
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr R.W.B. White and Mrs P. Haysom, and Anneliese, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.R. Cocks, of Truro, Cornwall.

Marriages

Mr C.M. Power and Mrs M.B. Bateman
The marriage took place on May 25, in Scotland, between Mr Christopher Power and Mrs Margaret Bateman.

Mr C.C. Stainton and Miss R.J. Hindley
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's Church, Woodditton, of Cameron Cornell Stainton, son of the late Mr David Stainton and of Mrs Virginia Stainton, of Boulder, Colorado, and Miss Rebecca Jane Hindley, daughter of Mr Jeremy Hindley, of Capetown, and Mrs Sally Hindley, of Newmarket, Suffolk. The Rev Alan Homer officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Jessica Hurd, Thea Gosden, Mimi Morley, Sarah and Madeleine Fitzgerald, Max Sangster and Sam Haggas. Mr John Collins was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr T.D. Stedeford and Miss C.J. Mapp
The marriage took place on May 24, in Chelsea, of Mr Timothy Stedeford to Miss Carolyn Mapp and was followed by a family luncheon.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Michael Bootes, OGS, Assistant Priest, St Giles, Pontefract: to be Priest-in-charge, Kellington w Whitley, and continuing as Diocesan Publications Adviser and Editor of Seelink (Wakefield).
The Rev Kenneth Brown, formerly RAF Chaplain at RAF St Mawgan, Newquay: to be Assistant Chaplain at HM Prison, Pentonville (London).
The Rev Elwin Cockett, Curate-in-charge, St Paul, Harold Hill: to be Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Harold Hill (Chelmsford).
The Rev Geoffrey Davis, Vicar, Boughton Monchelsea: to be also Curate-in-charge, the Conventional District of Christ Church, Parkwood (Canterbury).
The Rev Timothy Ditchfield, Curate, Clayton Brook Community Church, parish of Whittle-le-Woods (Blackburn): to be Chaplain to King's College, London (London).
The Rev Keith Feltham, Chaplain of Royal Bournemouth General Hospital (Salisbury): to be Priest-in-charge, Whimple, Talaton and Clyst St Lawrence (Exeter).
The Rev Barry Fenton, Precentor of Portsmouth Cathedral (Portsmouth): to be Precentor of Westminster Abbey.
The Rev Julian Francis, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity and St Peter, South Wimbledon (Southwark): to be Vicar, Cottingley (Bradford).
The Rev Michael Fryer, Assistant Curate, Hull, St Martin w The Transfiguration: to be Vicar, Kingston upon Hull, St Aidan, Southcoates (York).
The Rev Andrew Gandon, Church Missionary Society Liaison Services for Africa: to be Vicar, St Mary, Harefield (London).
The Rev Lindsay Hammond, Vicar, Appledore w Brookland and Fairfield and Brenzett w Snargate and Kenardington: to be also Priest-in-charge, Stone in Oxney and Rural Dean of South Lympne (Canterbury).
The Rev Christopher Hardy, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Kenton: to be Vicar, All Saints, East Finchley (London).
The Rev Paul Hess, presently serving in the diocese of Cape Town, South Africa: permission to officiate in the diocese of Canterbury, and from August to be Honorary Assistant Curate, Eythorne and Elvington w Waldershare and Barfreystone w Shepherdswell and Coldred (Canterbury).
The Rev Barry Langman, Curate, Sandgate w Folkestone St George: to be Priest-in-charge, Headcorn (Canterbury).
The Rev Michael Morris, Chaplain at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey (Guildford): to be Priest-in-charge, Harbledown (Canterbury).
The Rev Susan Redgrave, Parish Deacon, De Beauvoir Town St Peter, London (London): to be Assistant Priest (Curate), Evington Team Ministry, w special responsibility for St Philip's, Leicester (Leicester).
The Rev Martin Sheppard, Team Rector, Rye: now also Rural Dean of Rye (Chichester).
The Rev Michael Smith, Chaplain to the Forces: to be Rector, Lynch w Iping Marsh and Milland (Chichester).
The Rev Simon Walls, Chaplain's Assistant, Maidstone Hospital (Canterbury): to be Chaplain, Sussex County Hospital (Chichester).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Canon Matthew Graham, Vicar, St Hilda, Warley Woods (Birmingham): to retire from July 31.
The Rev Kenneth Hinds, Vicar, St Luke, Great Ilford (Chelmsford): to retire as from October 16.
The Rev Canon Russell Hunt, Chaplain to Leicester General Hospital, Leicester (Leicester): to retire as from August 31.
The Rev Canon Cosmo Kendall, Priest-in-charge, Buxhall w Shelland (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from July 24.
The Rev Canon David Maundrell, Priest-in-charge (NSM), Stonegate (Chichester): now retired.
The Rev John McKechnie, Vicar, Lindfield (Chichester): to retire as from June 30.
The Rev Michael Ovey, Curate, Crowborough (Chichester): to retire as from May 7.
The Rev William Sands, Assistant Chaplain (NSM), Leicester General Hospital: to retire as from August 31.

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Go to this people and say: you may listen and listen, but you will never understand; you may look and look but you will never see.
Acts of the Apostles 28 : 26 (REB)

BIRTHS

ANTONIOU - On 20th May 1995, to Lucinda (née Royle) and Andreas, a son, George Andreas, a brother for Oliver and Sophie.

BADENOCH - On 25th May, to Michele and David, a son, Alistair Howard, a brother for Katharine, Thomas and Charlotte.

BYERS - On May 14th, to Tikki (née Grinling) and Paul, a daughter, Imogen Georgina, a sister for Alexander.

DANIEL - On May 19th, to Cherida and William, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, a sister for Alexander and Nicholas.

DAY - On May 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Simone (née Moran) and Chris, a son, Alexander Michael Francis, a brother for Olivia.

FALKNER - On May 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Christine and Martin, a wonderful son, Matthew.

GIBSON - On May 24th 1995, to Peter and Amanda, a son, Robert James Britain, a brother for Kate.

GLOAG - On May 20th 1995, to Victoria (née Walsh) and John, a daughter, Imogen Jane.

GREAVES - On 20th May 1995, to Catriona (née Monro) and Simon, a daughter, Jessica, a sister for Alexander, Iona and Kirstan.

HAINES - On May 19th at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Victoria and Antonis Seco, a baby daughter, Katherine Maria.

INGRAM - On May 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Nigel and Nicola, a son, David Alexander Colquhoun.

KASSCHAU - To Mark and Anne at Wellington Hospital, a boy, Mark Edmond, brother to Margaret and Mariel, 23rd May.

KERR-SMILEY - On May 13th, to Manuela (née Roquez) and Mark, a daughter, Eloise Olivia, a sister for Isabella and Frederick.

LEE - On 23rd May at the Wellington Hospital, to Alison and Lewis, a boy, Hunter McCabe, a brother to Jake.

MALHOTRA - On 22nd May at the Wellington Hospital, to Rajiv and Kunika, a son.

MANLEY - On May 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Frances Ruffelle and Rob Manley - a beautiful baby brother Felix, to Eliza and Nathaniel. 6lbs ½oz.

MEREDITH - On May 19th at St George's Hospital, to Sonia (née Jarojinski) and Bryan, a daughter, Scarlet Peggy.

MILES - On May 16th 1995, to Anastasia (née Kupperman) and Stephen, a daughter, Victoria Tatiana Claire, a sister for Emma.

MOULD - On 23rd May 1995 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Harriet and Anthony, a son, a brother for Caspar and Theodore.

OLIVIER - On May 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Susannah (née Endfield) and Laurence, a beautiful son, Daniel.

POLDING - To Helen Jane (née Arnold) and John, on 24th May 1995 at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, a daughter, sister to Samuel.

ROBINSON - On May 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Liza (née Forryan) and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Emily.

ROYDS - On May 22nd 1995 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Emma (née Williams) and Radcliffe, a daughter, Mollie Isabella Rose, a sister for Harry and Jack.

SCHAALE - On May 22nd, to Katie (née Buckley) and Andrew, a daughter, Alice.

SMITHERS - On May 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Alison and Pelham, a beautiful daughter, Francesca Margaret.

DEATHS

BOIZOT - On Monday 22nd May, Susannah aged 87 years, dearly loved mother of Peter and Wendy. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Park Road, Peterborough, on Tuesday 30th May at 1.15pm. Flowers or donations for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research may be sent to John Lucas, Funeral Directors, 31 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough.

BOND - On May 25th, Florence Maria, aged 97, died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Barnes. Funeral private.

BROWN - On May 24th 1995, John Godsman, very dear husband of Marya (née Boult). Funeral private.

COLSTON - Michael, E.R.D., Captain R.A.P.C. retd., on 24th May 1995 in Ashford Hospital after a short illness. Funeral Friday 2nd June at Shadoxhurst Parish Church 2.30 pm c/o Earl & Co. F/D, Ashford, Kent. (01233) 620822. Family flowers only. Donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney or St Botolph's Crypt Centre.

FEAVER - On May 24th, at Pelham House Residential Home, Wimbledon, Muriel Rachel King in her 94th year, wife of the late Leslie Ewart, formerly of Addiscombe and Cobham, mother of Roy, John and Diana, grandmother to nine, great-grandmother to fifteen. Will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday June 1st at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only.

FISHER - Lady Patsie (née Smiles), on 23rd May died peacefully after a short illness. Funeral at 2 pm on Wednesday 31st May at St Bartholomew's Church, Nettlebed, nr. Henley-on-Thames, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Women Caring Trust, c/o Tomalin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. RG9 1AG.

HALL - On Tuesday 23rd May 1995, at home after a short illness, Margaret Anna, aged 92, beloved wife of the late Robin Henry Edward Hall, formerly of Hamsterley, St Breward. Mother of Rodney and her late beloved son Samuel Alexander, killed in action 1944. Funeral Service St Breward Church, Monday May 29th 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu if desired, for St Breward Church Restoration Fund.

HIGGINS - Peacefully at Eden Valley Hospice after a long illness bravely borne, Patricia Anne aged 53 years, on 25th May 1995, beloved wife of the Reverend John Higgins and mother of Isobel and Jonathan. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels, Arthuret, Longtown, on Monday 29th May 1995 at 12 noon, followed by interment in Hoddam Church Yard, Ecclefechan. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

HURST - On May 24th in West Park Hospital Epsom, after a brief illness, Tom William, late of Banstead, Surrey. Loving husband of Irene, devoted father of Christine and Peter and proud grandfather of Jamie, Peter, Allie, Christopher and Katrina. Formerly of Leeds General Infirmary, The Wigan and Leigh Hospital Group and The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. Mr Hurst was a tireless advocate of the Anti-Smoking cause and the Founder of The International Network towards smoke free hospitals. Funeral Service will take place at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday May 31st at 10.30 am. The family would prefer donations to the last mentioned charity in lieu of flowers. Address 45, Brookscroft, Linton Glade, Croydon, Surrey CR0 9NA.

HOLLAND - On 25th May, Ascension Day, peacefully in Switzerland, Joyce, beloved wife of the late Bill Holland, much loved mother of Jill and Geoffrey, grannie and great-grandmother.

KING - On May 22nd, 1995, Nora, in her 95th year at Freda Gunton Lodge, Colchester. Much loved Mother of Nancy and Philip, Grandmother to 6 and Great-grandmother to 22. Funeral family only. Thanksgiving service at St Leonard's Church, Lexden, Colchester on June 23rd at 2.30 o'clock. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o W.H. Shephard Ltd., 93-94 High Street, Colchester CO1 1TH.

MORLEY - On May 24th 1995, peacefully in her sleep, Ann, wife of the late Arthur Joseph. A much loved mother of John, Hugh and families. Donations in her memory for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to A.E. Jolliffe & Son, Funeral Director, 17 Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9HT, tel: (01202) 872080.

TRIPPE - On May 25th, Mary Cicely, aged 92, in a nursing home at Henley-on-Thames. Funeral at Henley Parish Church (St Mary's) at 11.30am on Tuesday 30th May followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations, if wished, to The Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust.

VAN ZWANENBERG - Peacefully on Thursday 25th May, Brian Arthur aged 84, after a long illness, beloved husband of Peggy, dear father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Slough Crematorium on Monday June 5th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society, Gordon House, London SW1.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

MITCHELL GREEN - Darling Mary-Jean born May 26th, 1961, passed away May 11th, 1990, always loved and missed by Peter, Alexander and Andrew.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

HOLDEN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major General J.R. (Jock) Holden CB CBE DSO will be held on Sunday June 4th at 3pm at St Margaret's Scottish Episcopal Church, New Galloway, Kirkcudbrightshire. Donations in his memory for the Army Benevolent Fund and Glencoe Mountain Rescue Association c/o the Bank of Scotland, 12 Main Street, St John's Town of Dalry by Castle Douglas, DG7 3UW.

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OBITUARIES

EARL WALDEGRAVE

The 12th Earl Waldegrave, KG, GCVO, TD, an agriculturist, landowner and farmer, died on May 23 aged 89. He was born on November 21, 1905.



EARL WALDEGRAVE, the senior Knight of the Garter, will be remembered as squire of Chewton Mendip, and as a prominent figure in the agricultural and forestry life of the South West of England. With this he combined the traditional enthusiasm for the pursuits and sports of the countryside, and a belief that the Church had an increasingly vital role to play in the changing social structure of Somerset. He fostered this belief in every way he could.

Geoffrey Noel Waldegrave was the son of a clergyman, and all through his life he loved church music. His father was rector of Stoke D'Abernon, and of Orchard-Leigh with Lullington. The succession to the title has a hint of the ramifications of *Kind Hearts and Coronets*. The rector was the uncle of the 10th Earl, who died unmarried after a lifetime of paralysis in 1933. Having been born posthumously in 1854, the rector succeeded to the earldom at the age of 78, himself succumbing less than four years later. He was 61 when his son Geoffrey was born in 1905.

The Waldegraves are an ancient family, descending from Sir Richard Waldegrave of Suffolk in the reign of Edward III. One ancestor, Sir Edward Waldegrave of West Haddon, was imprisoned in the Tower of London by Edward VI, prospered under Queen Mary, but languished in the Tower again when Queen Elizabeth I succeeded her sister. It was to him that the Manor of Chewton, Somerset, was granted and the family have been seated there, surrounded by several thousand acres, ever since. They became baronets in 1643, barons in 1685, and earls in 1729. Such is the antiquity of the family that its grant of arms is a simple "Per pale, argent and gules", and this red and white banner hung over Earl Waldegrave's Garter stall in St George's Chapel, Windsor, from 1971. The family also descends from the country's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole.

As an agriculturist, Lord Waldegrave served as chairman of the Somerset Agricultural Executive Committee from 1948 to 1951 and as the Minister of Agricultural's liaison officer for Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire from 1952 to 1957. During these years he worked closely in more than one field with Anthony Hurd (later Lord Hurd, and father of the present Foreign Secretary). Hurd was then the agricultural correspondent of *The Times*, and Waldegrave made fairly frequent contributions to the paper's agricultural columns and supplements. These were sometimes anonymous, but always reflected his practical, direct and thoughtful style.

In 1958 he became Joint Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, a post he greatly enjoyed, which fitted him well and where he was generally liked. It was, therefore, considered rather surprising when he was abruptly removed from office in Harold Macmillan's sweeping government reshuffle ("The Night of the Long Knives") of July 1962. Thereafter he served as chairman of the Forestry Commission, 1963-65.

Waldegrave was a considerable landowner, farming his own acres, creating a dairy to produce cheese and bringing into production several hundreds of hitherto derelict areas high on the Mendips. He played many varied roles in the Bath area. He was a member of the Prince's Council of the Duchy of Cornwall from 1951 to 1958. He was a director of Lloyds Bank and chairman of its Bristol regional board, chairman of the advisory committee on meat research from 1969, and president of the Somerset Trust for Nature Conservation. Other activities included being a member of the Bristol University Court (and chairman of its agricultural committee), a council member and trustee of the Bath and West and Southern Counties Agricultural Society, a trustee of Partis College, Bath, chairman of the Friends of Wells Cathedral and a governor of the Cathedral School.

He sat on Somerset County Council for 21 years, serving as a county alderman from 1948 to 1958. In 1951 he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant, and was Vice-Lieutenant from 1955 to 1960.

As Viscount Chewton, Waldegrave was educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge. He succeeded his father as 12th Earl Waldegrave in 1936. He served in the Royal Artillery as a major during the Second World War, and was assistant military secretary, Northern Command. In 1944 he was seconded to Washington as a member of the Civil Affairs Commission and was made an officer (1st class) of the United States Legion of Merit.

A holder of the Territorial Decoration, Waldegrave was appointed a Knight of the Garter in 1971, while serving as Lord Warden of the Stannaries and Keeper of the Privy Seal of the Duke of Cornwall, 1965-76. He was appointed GCVO on his retirement in 1976.

The recent years were both stimulating and sad as Lord Waldegrave observed the burgeoning political career of his son; but latterly he fell victim to many of the problems of old age, and these dogged his domestic life and that of his family. In failing health, he was unable to take his normal place in the Garter Ceremony in June 1994.

In 1930 he married Mary Grenfell, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Grenfell. He was the father of two sons and five daughters. Of these the youngest, William Waldegrave, became a Cabinet minister in the twilight days of Margaret Thatcher's premiership and continues to serve under John Major as Minister of Agriculture, while his elder sister, Lady Susan Hussey, has been a Woman of the Bedchamber to the Queen since 1960, and is the wife of Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC's board of governors. The earldom now passes to Viscount Chewton, who was born in 1940.

SIR JAY GOHEL

Sir Jay Gohel, CBE, national chairman of the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society, 1978-84, died on May 19 aged 79. He was born in Kathiawar State, India, on August 14, 1915.



A SUCCESSFUL businessman, Jay Gohel will be remembered chiefly for the work he did in rallying Asian voters to the Conservative cause. He worked closely with Margaret Thatcher in her Finchley constituency, becoming a warm friend as well as a great admirer of hers. Indeed, the former Prime Minister once wryly recalled his telling her: "We Asians are the original Conservatives because for thousands of years we have believed in free enterprise, freedom of the individual, private education and hard work — and you have just stolen our philosophy."

Settling permanently in Britain only in the 1960s, Gohel — who had earlier enjoyed a distinguished legal and government career in Bombay — lost no time in seeking to cut the umbilical cord that had traditionally tied voters from his own subcontinent to the Labour Party.

He himself believed that this attachment was the consequence of the part the Attlee Government had played in Indian independence in 1947; but he felt that, as a tie of sentiment, it was thoroughly out-of-date and was determined to break it. The result of his efforts was to be seen in the number of victories the Conservatives won in marginal seats with a sizeable proportion of Asian voters in both 1979 and 1983.

His work was recognised by his being appointed CBE in 1984 and by his being made a knight in 1989. A frequent attender at Conservative Party conferences, he consistently refused to allow himself to be confined to race relations topics: he spoke on issues ranging from the future of Rhodesia through the British economy to trade union reform.

Jayvantsinhji Gohel was educated at schools in India and Britain, where he first arrived in the 1930s. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1941 but went back to Bombay after the war to practise law. Selected for the Indian Administrative Service after independence, he was briefly a political adviser to Pandit Nehru. He went on to be appointed to the International Commission for Supervision and Control of French Indo-China, later becoming a judge and a member of the state council in Bombay.

He returned to Britain towards the end of the 1960s in order to join forces with the Kenyan businessman, M. P. Shah. He was a founder director of the Meghraj Bank as well as of the 12 subsidiary companies of that group. Active in charity work, he took pride in his association with the Duke of Edinburgh's Youth Training Scheme and in his support of the Save the Children Fund and its president, the Princess Royal.

He leaves his widow and two sons.

ROBERT FLEMYNG

Robert Flemyng, OBE, MC, actor, died on May 22 aged 83. He was born on January 3, 1912.



William Mervyn, left, Cecil Trouncer, centre, and Flemyng, right, in *The Guinea Pig*, Criterion Theatre, 1946

AN URBANE, good-looking actor of gentle charm combined, nevertheless, with a certain decisiveness, Robert Flemying established himself on stage in the years immediately before and after the war in a variety of modern plays. The classics, or plays of the socially and politically motivated English dramatists of the 1950s and 1960s, were never really his *métier*, but he was particularly effective in the work of Terence Rattigan, for whose essential decency his acting style and the figure he cut on stage seemed to be tailor-made.

Yet he was no stranger to comedy. His timing was impeccable and he had the quality, so cherished by dramatists, of uttering the mildest joke with an air of entire spontaneity and belief. But, though he had served his apprenticeship running the gamut of rep fare, once, he reached London in July 1935 he did hardly any classical work, although he did have a season with John Gielgud in New York.

The Second World War was soon to interrupt his career. He himself rendered distinguished service in the Royal Army Medical Corps and was able to return to the London stage afterwards to consolidate a stage reputation that was to stand at its highest, perhaps, over the next ten years. In films, he could always be guaranteed to give a distinctive quality to what might, in the hands of others, have been simply forgettable anchor roles.

Robert Flemyng, the son of a Liverpool doctor, went to school at Haileybury, and was for a short time a medical student before going on to the stage. In 1932 he was fortunate to return to Liverpool for three years with William Armstrong's Playhouse Company, an experience that prepared him for a London career and work in New York. Thereafter on the London stage he had a variety of roles in routine period fare characterised by his Lord Lynyates in *When the Bough Breaks* at the Criterion in June 1936.

But it was his Kit, one of the young students in Rattigan's *French Without Tears*, a role he created at the Criterion in November 1936, which announced him as a talent of distinction. He was to play the part for 16 months. In December 1938 he made his first New York appearance as Tony Fox-Collier in *Spring Meeting*.

In 1939 Flemyng joined the RAMC. Soon commissioned, he was to serve throughout the war, rising to the rank of colonel. He was awarded the MC in Eritrea in 1941 and was later mentioned in dispatches and appointed OBE (Military), for the part he played during operations in Italy in the winter of 1944.

On demobilisation he reappeared on the stage, at the Marigny, Paris, in October 1945 as Lord Harpenden in Rattigan's *While the Sun Shines*. In December of that year he scored a great success at the Grand, Blackpool, in Warren Chetham Strode's *The Guinea Pig*, as Nigel Lorraine, the young public school master who befriends a working-class boy who wins a scholarship to a public school. This went on to have a year's run at the Criterion and Flemyng played the same role in the Roy Boulting-directed film of 1948.

In the meantime he had visited New York again, as Algernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest* and as Ben in Congreve's *Love for Love*. Back in London he was a regular in Rattigan — *Adventure Story* (St James's, 1949) and *Who Is Sylvia?* (Criterion, 1950) which also had a long run with Flemyng as Mark, a character largely based on the dramatist's father.

During this period he also went off at a tangent from this traditional, "well-made", fare when he took on the role of Edward Chamberlayne in T. S. Eliot's *The Cocktail Party*, which had its first production in Edinburgh and later went to New York. These years were his heyday, but even after his face had ceased to be as familiar as it once was, he continued to act, continually extending his range and sometimes undertaking the most arduous of tours, in this country and to the United States, South Africa and India. He continued his association with Rattigan on such occasions as a midnight matinee of *Harlequinade* (Haymarket, 1972) and a South African tour (1974) in *In Praise of Love*. Another tour was of Canada with Ayckbourn's *Relatively Speaking* in 1975.

Flemyng's film career had begun in the light comedy star vehicle *Head Over Heels*. Perhaps his most memorable film role was in *The Guinea Pig* but, as on the stage, he continued busy, his striking presence lending odd moments of distinction even to such frankly downmarket horror material as *The Blood Beast Terror* (1967). More substantial roles were in the wartime drama of deception *The Man Who Never Was* (1955) and *Young Winston* (1972). He also did a great deal of television work, including the BBC series *Compact* and Granada's *Family Solicitor*.

Flemyng was warmly respected in his profession for the help he gave fellow actors in an official capacity. He was at various periods a member of the council of Equity and also honorary treasurer of the Actors' Charitable Trust.

He was married to Carmen Martha Sugars. She died last year and he is survived by a daughter.

CHRISTOPHER HODDER-WILLIAMS

Christopher Hodder-Williams, writer and composer, died on May 15 aged 68. He was born on August 25, 1926.



A MAVERICK, Christopher Hodder-Williams had been by turns publisher, pilot, composer of music and songs, jazz-pianist and sound-engineer. But he eventually made his deepest impression as a writer of science fiction — or, as he always preferred to call it, "fiction science".

John Christopher Hodder-Williams was educated at Eton, where he liked to claim he taught the "beaks" the follies of regimentation. In 1944, at the age of 18, he was called up into the Royal Signals and stayed in the Army until 1948. He then tried working in the firm of which his father Ralph was chairman, the (then) publishers Hodder and Stoughton. But this did not suit him, so he went to Africa where he worked principally in films, though doing a little flying on the side. Most of the 1950s was taken up by musical work on Broadway, by piano-playing in various bands and by composing songs for theatre revues and for ITV.

Then in 1958 Hodder-Williams tried a "straight" thriller, *The Cummins Report*, which he published with Hodder under the pseudonym of James Brodin. In the following year he began his science-fiction career with *Chain Reaction*. This, one of the first novels to deal with the nuclear menace, hinged on a mystery plot concerned with radiation sickness spread by means of food. It was well received.

Most of Hodder-Williams's fiction — after *The Main Experiment* (1964) it was all SF — is marked by three leading themes: alteration of personality, bureaucratic tyranny and — though not computers directly — the idiocy or ill-will (most usually, both) of those who feed information into them. In *Fistful of Digits* (1968) self-engineering computers run riot; in *The Silent Voice* (1977) human brains receive radio waves to devastatingly sinister effect. *Coward's Paradise* (1974), a book which well conveys its author's sense of menace and almost hysteria, is concerned with labotomisation, which, although it was beginning to be abandoned, was still then quite a common operation.

The best of his fiction — possibly to be found in *The Higher They Fly* (1963) — is based on his experiences as an aviator, and was turned by him into a gripping television play. His more speculative work was always interesting, but perhaps too often marred by poor characterisation. His final work yet to appear, a novel, *Schizorama*, is said to have been a vigorous attack on the present-day system of "care in the community", particularly for schizophrenics.

Hodder-Williams was twice married. His second wife, Deirdre, who helped to keep him going through a long series of debilitating illnesses, survives him with a son and a daughter.

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HUTTON CAPTAINS ENGLAND

L. Hutton, the Yorkshire professional opening batsman and first choice for England for many seasons, is to captain England in the first Test match against India at Leeds on June 5. N. W. D. Yardley, Hutton's county captain, who is chairman of the England selectors, announced this after a meeting at Nottingham yesterday. He added that the side for the first Test would be selected next Thursday.

All four selectors were at the meeting. Besides Yardley, they are F. R. Brown, who had stated that he would like to give up the England captaincy for a younger man, R. E. S. Wyatt, and L. E. G. Ames, who was the first professional to be appointed a member of the selection committee.

Our Cricket Correspondent writes:-

For the first time a professional player has been chosen to captain England. Though there are many who will look back with anxious eyes and with sorrow at the passing of an age, there are yet those who will welcome the ending of an anachronism. The amateur, in the older meaning of the word, no longer truly exists. He has largely been destroyed by the economic circumstance of mid-twentieth century. Further, to find such a man, both with the character to lead and also the quality indisputably to hold a place in an England team, has progressively become more difficult. When F. R. Brown was called on by the selectors two years ago the writing was on the wall. Brown's unqualified success, heartening though it was, solved nothing. It merely postponed the hour that has now come.

The selectors, who for some time have been struggling to balance the requirements of tradition with the needs of the moment, are to be congratulated on the action they have taken. They have shown a boldness that one had not expected of them yet. But sooner or later this last step seemed to be due. It was presaged by the reinstatements of W. R. Hammond, who led England after the war against Australia, and W. J. Edrich, joint-captain of Middlesex; by the responsible parts played in the counties by Compton, Dollery, and John Langridge.

In this age of so-called equal opportunity for all the professional player has at last attained his fullest stature, and it is now up to Hutton to prove not only himself but also his colleagues worthy of the new principle which has been established. Certainly tradition has died hard and to Hutton now goes the new honour.

Actually there have been instances in the past of England being led on the cricket field by a professional in the absence through illness or injury of the amateur captain. Hobbs, of Surrey, once captained the side against Australia in the fourth Test match at Manchester in 1926 after A. W. Carr had been struck down by tonsillitis; Compton took over from F. R. Brown in the fourth Test match in Australia during the 1950-51 tour after Brown had been hurt in a car accident; Hutton himself was at the helm for an hour or two at the Oval last season against South Africa while Brown was having a strained leg attended to.

Whether this new title will become a burden that will affect Hutton's full efficiency as a great batsman remains to be seen, but the eyes of the country will be upon him as he accepts the accolade before his own Yorkshire people at Headingley.

ON THIS DAY

May 26, 1952

"Pray God no professional will ever captain England," Lord Hawke, Yorkshire's captain 1883-1910, said. His lordship's supplication was rejected in the person of Sir Leonard Hutton (1916-90), who in 1952-55 led England to win the Ashes and to retain them. His 364 against Australia at the Oval in 1938 is still the English Test record.

NEWS

Nato ready to strike Serbs again

■ NATO warplanes are poised to carry out more raids against the Bosnian Serbs today, after destroying two ammunition stores with a strike deep in their heartland.

An ultimatum for Serb and government troops to surrender their heavy weapons or remove them from the exclusion zone around Sarajevo will expire at noon local time (11am BST). "We are stressing that there is the possibility of more action like today's," a UN spokesman said ..... **Pages 1, 13**

South Africa celebrates dream victory

■ South Africans were jubilant as the Springboks trounced Australia, the reigning world champions, by 27 points to 18 in the opening match of the Rugby World Cup. Not even the arrival of democracy a year ago could match the pleasure in the faces of all races on the nation's streets..... **Pages 1, 48**

Euro-policy agreed

A "tough but positive" approach to next year's conference on the future of Europe, in which Britain will seek to build alliances to limit the powers of Brussels over some policies, was agreed by Cabinet ministers..... **Page 1**

Row over shares

Restrictions on executive share options are being prepared after the Prime Minister was forced to defend electricity executives who have transferred shares into their wives' names..... **Pages 1, 5**

Clinton anger

President Clinton signalled his growing impatience with the IRA by publicly calling on it to "take the next step and begin to discuss the serious decommissioning of weapons"..... **Page 2**

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A boy scanning the airwaves on his radio receiver heard the last moments of the commuter aircraft that crashed in a Yorkshire field, killing 12 people..... **Page 4**

Brains return

The "brain drain" operated in reverse as Oxford University announced the appointment of two senior academics previously lost to the United States..... **Page 6**

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Senior legal figures, including the Lord Chief Justice, are pressing for a change in the law to end the secrecy over how long murderers should stay in jail..... **Page 8**

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Babe Ruth mystery

For the third time in 70 years the pinstriped uniform worn by the legendary baseball player, Babe Ruth, has been stolen, adding yet another bizarre chapter to a tale of mystery, robbery and murder..... **Page 16**

Slave railway

Slave labour is again being used to construct a railway in Burma, according to an opposition group fighting the country's hardline military regime..... **Page 16**

Peace hope

America hailed Syria's concession over the Golan Heights as a breakthrough in the Middle East peace process. But the agreement over security did not deal with core issues ..... **Page 17**

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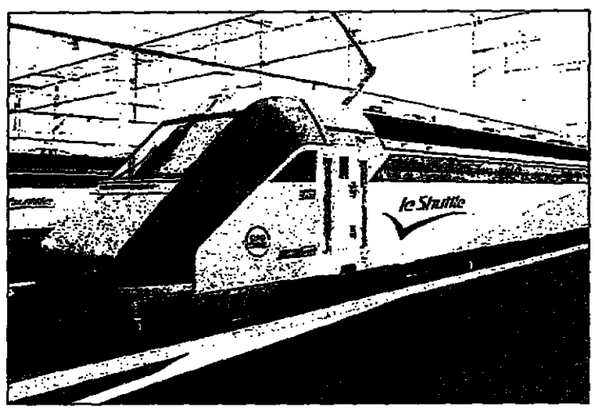
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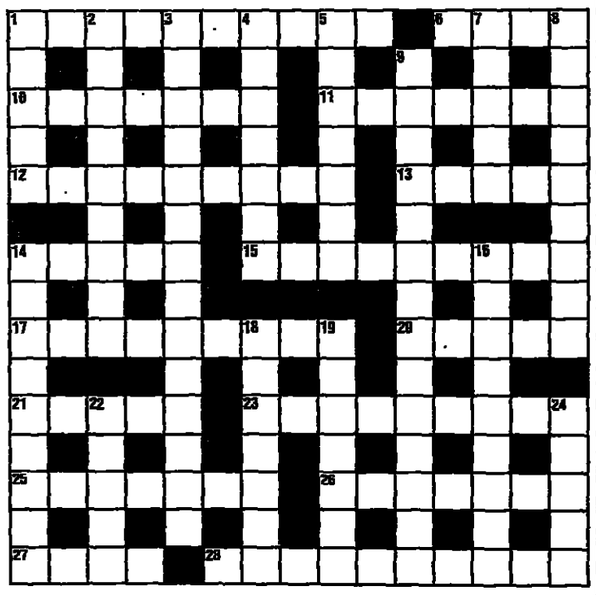
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Wednesday: Highest day temp: Marham, Norfolk, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Aughton, Lancashire, 0.56in; highest sunshine: Aviemore, Highland, 12.5hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start bright and it should be sunny for some time over eastern England. It will cloud over from the west during the day and rain will move into western districts later.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright at first with showers. More persistent rain will spread from the west across many areas during the afternoon and evening. It will be quite warm in the brighter areas, but chilly and breezy in the rain.

☐ **London, Central S, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** sunny start but cloudy later with a chance of showers. Wind southerly moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Central N, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** sunny at first with isolated showers. Becoming cloudy; rain in evening. Wind southerly moderate, later fresh. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** bright early, clouding over with a few showers, then rain during afternoon or early evening. Wind southerly, mostly fresh. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** sunny for some time, more cloudy later, perhaps showers. Wind southerly moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** bright with showers. Wind south to southeasterly moderate or fresh. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** bright and dry for a time on Saturday, then rain followed by sunshine and blustery showers.

☐ **Pollen count:** Scotland L; Northern England L; N Ireland L; Midlands M; East Anglia M; Wales L; South East M; South West L; London L.
H=high, L=low M=moderate.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

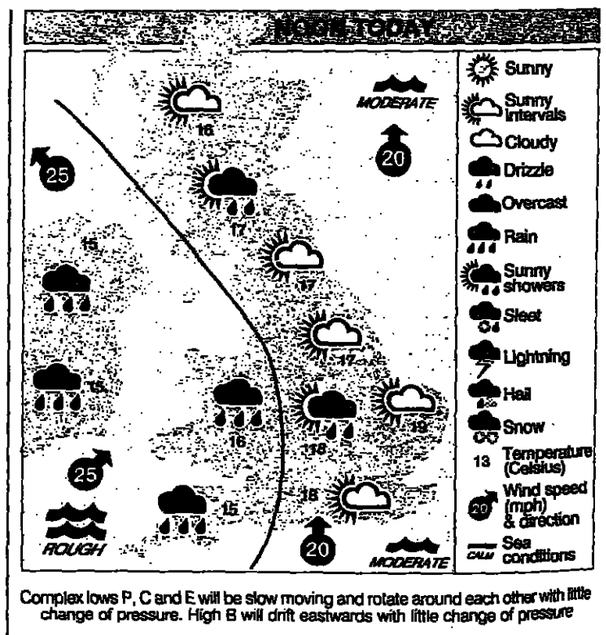
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Anglesey	2.2	0.15	19	66	r=	Liverpool	7.2	0.31	23	73	r
Aspatria	9.7	-	21	70	r=	London	8.8	0.01	20	68	r
Aviemore	12.5	-	21	70	s	Lowestoft	9.1	-	17	63	sh
Belfast	1.3	0.03	17	63	r	Manchester	6.9	0.11	21	70	t
Birmingham	6.5	0.06	21	70	sh	Margate	5.1	0.10	20	68	t=
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Bristol	3.7	0.02	18	64	r	Newcastle	7.3	0.02	14	57	s
Buxton	6.6	0.31	17	63	s=	Newquay	3.5	-	15	59	c
Cardiff	3.3	0.04	16	62	r	Norwich	9.7	-	22	72	s
Clacton	9.3	0.01	17	63	s	Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	11.2	-	16	61	s	Oxford	7.9	-	20	68	b
Colwyn Bay	X					Penzance	6.3	0.13	16	61	s
Cromer	10.7	-	22	72	s	Plymouth	2.8	0.06	14	57	r
Doncaster	8.5	0.09	21	70	t	Poole	4.8	0.06	16	64	r=
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Fishguard	1.1	0.04	17	63	sh	Shanklin	5.8	0.01	15	59	sh
Folkestone	5.3	0.05	16	61	r	Shrewsbury	4.9	0.14	19	66	t
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Hove	7.5	0.04	15	59	c	Teignmouth	2.3	0.01	16	59	sh
Hunstanton	8.9	-	23	73	s	Tenby	1.0	0.07	15	59	c=
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	0.6	0.01	18	64	c
Isle of Man	5.3	0.39	14	57	r	Torquay	2.5	0.03	14	57	c
Jersey	4.5	0.01	16	61	r	Tynemouth	-	-	10	50	fg
Kinloss	11.9	-	21	70	s=	Ventnor	5.6	0.01	15	59	d
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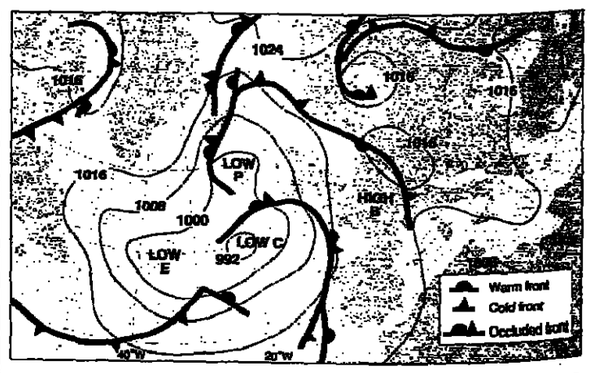
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Beirut	25	77	f	Helsinki	19	66	s	Munich	24	75	s
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Bermuda	24	75	f	Istanbul	27	81	s	N Delhi	36	97	s
Biarritz	15	59	f	Jeddah	39	100	s	N York	30	86	s
Bordx	15	59	r	Jo'burg	16	61	f	Nice	22	72	f
Brussels	20	68	f	Karachi	-	--		Oslo	22	72	s
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B Aires	14	57	c	La Tquet	15	59	f	Peking	27	81	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	20	68	f	Perth	16	61	f
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Locarno	24	75	s	Prague	23	73	f
Chicago	12	54	r	L Angels	16	61	d	Reykjavik	9	48	s
Ch'church	13	55	-	Luxembg	20	68	c	Rhodes	24	75	s
Cologne	24	75	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
Riyadh	39	102	s
Rome	23	73	s
Salzburg	26	79	s
S F'risco	14	57	c
S Paulo	23	73	f
Seoul	19	66	f
Sing'por	27	81	c
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Strasb'rg	25	77	s
Sydney	20	68	f
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Zurich	24	75	s

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NOON TODAY



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HIGH TIDES

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Avonmouth	4:53	11.73	5:17	11.82	Lowestoft	7:25	2.31	7:43	2.39
Belfast	9:00	3.19	9:24	3.22	Margate	10:13	4.44	10:27	4.56
Cardiff	4:34	11.02	4:59	11.02	Milford Haven	4:01	6.03	4.25	6.06
Devonport	3:26	4.81	3:53	4.89	Newquay	2:49	5.99	3:12	6.01
Dover	9:07	5.89	9:17	6.06	Oban	3:48	3.35	3:57	3.27
Dublin	9:41	3.76	10:14	3.80	Penzance	2:30	4.75	2:58	4.78
Falmouth	2:45	4.65	3.13	4.62	Portland	4:25	1.97	4:58	1.78
Glasgow	10:32	4.26	10:49	4.40	Portsmouth	9:20	4.74	9:40	4.89
Harwich	9:48	3.70	10:06	3.61	Shoreham	9:23	5.38	9:41	5.53
Holyhead	8:20	4.99	8:53	5.01	Southampton	8:51	4.00	9:10	4.07
Hull	4:18	6.55	4:21	6.67	Swansea	4:04	8.35	4:28	8.43
Ilfracombe	3:45	8.07	4:10	8.06	Tees	1:21	4.70	1.36	4.79
King's Lynn	4:06	5.86	4:26	6.04	W'ton-on-Nze	9:50	5.68	10:05	5.76

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.55 am
Sun sets: 9.01 pm
Moon sets: 6.08 pm
Moon rises: 3.34 am

London 9.01 pm to 4.54 am
Bristol 9.10 pm to 5.04 am
Edinburgh 9.37 pm to 4.42 am
Manchester 9.18 pm to 4.52 am
Penzance 9.16 pm to 5.22 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY MAY 26 1995

Home lenders put Lilley on defensive

BY ROBERT MILLER AND JAMES LANDALE

THE Government was last night trying to defuse a row with Britain's mortgage lenders, after infuriating them over proposed cuts in income support payments.

The argument centres on controversial plans by the Department of Social Security to cut the level of benefit payments to homeowners who lose their jobs or are too ill to keep up their mortgage repayments.

A meeting yesterday between Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security and the Council of Mortgage Lenders to discuss the Government's plans was described as "useful and constructive" by both sides.

Nevertheless, the CML vowed to continue its campaign to persuade the minister to either abandon his proposed cuts or to provide a more secure safety net to homeowners who fall on hard times. If this fails, mortgage lenders warn that repossessions will inevitably rise.

The DSS proposes that from October all new borrowers will have to wait for nine months to qualify for state help. Existing homeowners and people officially listed as "carers" will qualify for income support payments after two months. However, homeowners who move or even remortgage their property after October will automatically be re-classified as new borrowers for DSS purposes.

On Wednesday Mr Lilley, who insists that private mortgage protection policies will fill the gap caused by the DSS cuts, added further fuel to the acrimonious debate when he released the text of a personal letter to Christopher Sharp, chairman of the CML. In this he launched a personal attack on Adrian Coles, the CML's Director-General.

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Mr Lilley accused Mr Coles of making ill-judged remarks about the proposed DSS cuts which were, said the minister, incorrect.

The CML said that independent research from the Association of British Insurers and the Department of the Environment prove that millions of homeowners, such as the self-employed and those with medical conditions, will be excluded from such cover.

After the meeting, Mr Coles said: "We have not changed our position. If the Government goes ahead we will have to make the best of a bad job and work to minimise the effects of repossessions. This debate is about real people living in real homes with real problems. The DSS policy will damage the housing market."

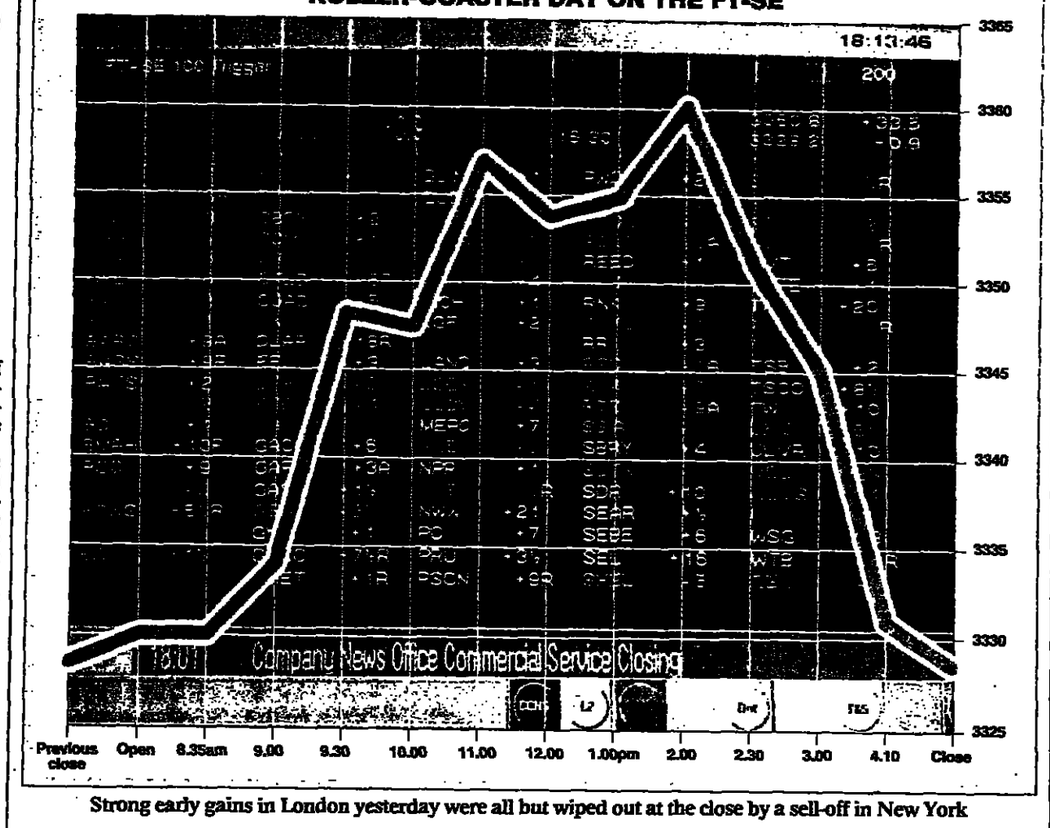
Mr Lilley said: "The CML has reassured me that it recognises the urgent need to encourage new kinds of insurance products to provide protection from October that many homeowners lack at present. I very much welcome this move forward."

He added that the Government had been actively discussing new products with the insurance industry and a number of big companies were "well advanced" in setting up new policies. "We are determined to address the current situation, which is leading to 50,000 homes a year being repossessed, and where 70 per cent of borrowers effectively have no protection when they get into short term difficulty."

Social Security officials said that the CML was beginning to bow to the inevitable.

The Halifax, Britain's largest lender, deplored the personal nature of Mr Lilley's attack on Mr Coles and added that, given the short time between now and October, it was not clear whether new-style policies would be ready in time. "The DSS move will not save much money, if any, and it is a further indication that the Government is moving away from the concept of owner occupation," it said.

ROLLER-COASTER DAY ON THE FT-SE



Strong early gains in London yesterday were all but wiped out at the close by a sell-off in New York

Dow acts as spoiler for London

ATTEMPTS to resume the bull run were shortlived as dealers in London endured a roller-coaster day. Leading equities gave back almost all of an early 33.5-point rise after a negative start to trading in New York prompted a late sell-off in London (Philip Pangalos writes).

The FT-SE 100 index had surged to a new intra-day high of 3,360.8 for 1995 at lunchtime, but fears that the US may be slipping back into recession hit the dollar and put the skids under US Treasuries and shares.

The FT-SE 100 ended up 0.9 at 3,328.2. The Dow Jones industrial average saw an early 40-point fall as investors took profits after the recent strong run.

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MPs recommend a new watchdog for Lloyd's

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

LLOYD'S system of self-regulation must be replaced by an independent authority to restore confidence in the insurance market, according to a key Commons committee.

A damning report from the cross-party Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee yesterday called for legislation to switch responsibility to an independent body.

The committee said that Lloyd's regulation system was "fundamentally and irretrievably tarnished" and agreed with claims by names that the market's losses of more than £8 billion in five years were partly due to poor regulation. On Tuesday, Lloyd's offered names £2.8 billion in compensation in exchange for their dropping litigation against their agents.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Litigating Names Committee, said his committee backed the MPs' criticism of self-regulation, which had been an "abysmal failure".This was demonstrated by the fact that Lloyd's still permitted reinsurance of reinsurance, the spiral syndicate system that lost names close on £3 billion.

Lloyd's said it would work with any new regulatory regime, if Parliament wished to introduce legislation and noted that Lloyd's had implemented changes in governance in 1993.

The Select Committee said, however, that without external regulation, the introduction of corporate capital to Lloyd's, intended to secure its future, would be in doubt.

Lloyd's rejected the MPs' allegations of concealment over asbestosis claims and failure to initiate an enquiry. It said the chairman of Lloyd's regulatory board, had received documents containing the allegations in April and had instructed Freshfields, its legal adviser, to carry out a thorough investigation to see whether an inquiry was needed.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3328.2	(+0.9)
Yield	4.14%	
FT-SE A All share	1635.32	(+3.16)
Nikkei	15579.44	(-391.31)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4409.81	(-28.35)*
S&P Composite	526.97	(-1.64)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(6⅛%)
Long Bond	111¹⁄₃₂*	(111⅛)
Yield	6.76%*	(6.75%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅛%	(6¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	107²⁄₃₂	(107¹³⁄₁₆)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6040*	(1.5743)
London:		
$	1.6037	(1.5759)
DM	2.2508	(2.2704)
FFr	7.9760	(8.0670)
SFr	1.8653	(1.8919)
Yen	136.36	(137.58)
£ Index	84.9	(84.9)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4040*	(1.4387)
FFr	4.9835*	(5.1140)
SFr	1.1645*	(1.2000)
Yen	85.10*	(87.17)
$ Index	88.6	(90.1)

Tokyo close Yen 86.28

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $17.80 ($17.85)

GOLD

London close $385.85 ($383.95)

* denotes midday trading price

C&W promise

Lord Young of Graffham, chairman of Cable and Wireless, accompanied a disappointing provision-driven 22 per cent fall in full-year profits with a promise of a return to profit growth as Mercury Communications finishes its costly restructuring and new ventures pick up momentum.

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PowerGen up

PowerGen, the smaller of the two electricity generators, unveiled better than expected full-year profits and cast doubts on the attempt by rival National Power, to sue the Government over the bungled share sale last spring.

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Trade committee calls for merger of OFT and MMC

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A CROSS-PARTY Commons committee is calling for urgent reform of Britain's fair trading laws to improve consumer protection and provide clearer guidelines for companies.

The Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission should be merged into a single competition authority staffed by full-time experts, the Trade and Industry Select Committee said.

At the same time, Britain is urged to adopt a European-style legal framework, under which anti-competitive practices are outlawed and punishable with heavy fines. At present, any allegation of anti-competitive practice has to be investigated on a case-by-case basis.

The unanimous report, produced by a committee with a Conservative majority under a Labour chairman, will add to demands for reform of the British competition regime, increasingly out of step with practice elsewhere in Europe.

The proposals endorse and develop the views of Sir Bryan Carsberg, former Director-General of Fair Trading, who has just resigned to run the International Accounting Standards Committee. Richard Caborn, committee chairman, said: "Once we got digging, it soon became clear there were fundamental weaknesses not just with the institutional arrangements, but with the policy on monopolies and competition law itself." The committee's proposals, he said, would improve the transparency of the system, providing more certainty for companies and better protection for the consumer.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, will be obliged to make a Commons reply to the report. He is expected to indicate how the government plans to progress options for reform outlined in a 1992 green paper.

Jack Cunningham, the Shadow Trade Spokesman, said the conclusions were in line with plans being developed by Labour for a single competition authority.

The National Consumer Council was delighted by the committee's conclusions, which echoed the thrust of an NCC paper earlier this month. Ruth Evans, the director, said: "If these proposals are adopted, they should lead to more choice and fairer prices for the consumer."

The Confederation of British Industry endorsed the case for reform.

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'Outlook more encouraging than at any time this year'

Factory gate price rises ease

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FACTORY gate prices are stabilising, new evidence from the Confederation of British Industry suggests today, reinforcing the view that there is little immediate likelihood of an imminent rise in interest rates.

Though the CBI's latest monthly industrial survey shows order books strengthening, the rate of output growth is falling back and the confederation's latest economic forecast, also published today, suggests overall growth in the economy is set to slow.

Growing City belief that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was right to maintain interest rates at their current level in spite of pressure from the Bank of England for a rate rise is likely to be given support by the CBI. Its survey of almost 1,300 companies, accounting for half of the UK's total manufactured exports, shows that manufacturers' price rises are continuing to ease, reducing pressure on inflation and so demand for a further rise in base rates.

The balance of companies reporting price rises — those registering a rise set against those recording a fall — stood roughly steady in May at 19 per cent after a balance of 18 per cent in April. This was sharply down from the figures of 31 and 27 per cent in the previous two months.

Kate Barker, CBI chief economic adviser, says the survey, which follows news of a slight slowdown in economic growth in the first quarter of this year, suggests the next rise in base rates, currently 6.75 per cent, could be "delayed a little". Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate economic analysis director, said "the outlook for factory gate price inflation is now more encouraging than at any time this year," with competitive pressures still strong in both UK and overseas markets.

Overall demand continues to improve, the survey shows, with the balance of companies reporting rising order books, up from 8 to 10 per cent, and, at 17 per cent, export order books are with the exception of last month at their highest since April 1977. But the pace of output growth seems to be slowing, the figures suggest.

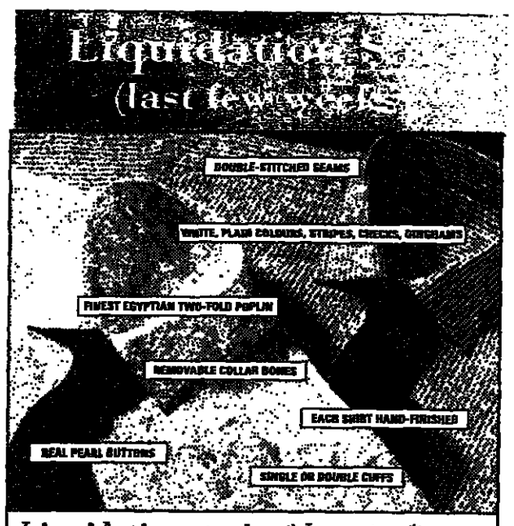
However, the rate of increase in raw material prices is still enough to persuade the CBI in its latest economic forecast to up its inflation estimate and that rates will have to go up by a further percentage point next year.

The CBI forecasts that headline inflation will rise to 3.9 per cent by the fourth quarter of this year, falling back to 3 per cent by the end of 1996. But a one-point rise in rates will, the CBI says, bring underlying inflation down to close to 2.5 per cent.

A tightening labour market is forecast to push earnings growth up to 4.4 per cent, though the CBI says that unemployment will drop to 2.1 million this year and will then fall through the two million threshold next year to end the year at 1.9 million.

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British Gas complaints and cut-offs increase



Spottiswoode: disconnection regret

BY ROSS TIEMAN

COMPLAINTS about British Gas to the industry regulator, Ofgas, rose last year by 26 per cent to a record 2,318. Almost a fifth of protests were triggered by the introduction of discounts for customers who pay by direct debit, which took effect on January 1.

The number of customers disconnected for non-payment of bills rose to 16,393, reversing a a downward trend of several years.

The surge in discontent with British Gas, the monopoly supplier to more than 18 million homes in England, Wales and Scotland, took place as the company launched a fundamental restructuring to prepare itself for the introduction of competition in the household market.

Almost a quarter of complaints came from customers in the company's North Thames region. Just three regions, North Thames, South Eastern and North West accounted for half of all complaints.

Bills were easily the most common cause of complaints, accounting for almost a third of the total. Tariffs, standing charges and services were also common causes of discontent.

In her annual report, Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Ofgas, said that she was disappointed by the trend of disconnections. Discussions continued on improving disconnection procedures.

Work is also under way on a new price control formula to take effect in 1997. Ofgas is to seek outside views on whether to change the formula that caps prices charged by British Gas's Public Gas Supply arm and TransCo pipeline subsidiary.

Ms Spottiswoode said consultation documents would look at whether using an inflation-linked formula to cap prices still "provides an effective balance between the control of prices and the encouragement of corporate efficiency, or whether it needs to be reinforced or replaced."

The report shows the rapid inroads made by rival suppliers into British Gas's share of the business market. During 1994, independent suppliers increased their share of the market above 2,500 therms from 35 per cent to 52 per cent.

British Gas's combination of customer discontent and sliding market share is expected to heighten shareholder anger over big pay rises for its directors, led by Cedric Brown, the chief executive.

More than 6,000 shareholders have indicated their intention to attend the company's annual meeting next Wednesday, forcing British Gas to move it from the Barbican Centre to the larger London Arena so as to accommodate the crowd.

The board faces a touch-and-go battle over Resolution 13 — a call from Pirc, a shareholder watchdog group, for the company to abandon its new directors' remuneration scheme. Pirc claims to have support from leading institutions for its demand that the company revise the scheme in line with best practice.

Lord Young makes a promise over C&W

BY ERIC REGULY

LORD YOUNG of Graffham, chairman of Cable and Wireless, said he was disappointed with the company's results, but promised a return to profit growth as Mercury Communications finishes its costly restructuring and new ventures pick up momentum.

Separately, Lord Young hinted that C&W is vulnerable to a takeover. "I suspect that our assets are worth more than our share price," he said.

Analysts said that bid speculation has been creeping into the shares. British Telecom and AT&T, America's largest overseas phone carrier, have been mentioned as potential suitors because of their global ambitions and deep pockets. *Amber News*, a newsletter by CM Financial Analysis, said "the company's days of independence could be numbered".

Lord Young said that he has not been approached by a potential bidder. Any suitor, he said, would have to weigh the risks of controlling Hong Kong Telecom, the single biggest business in C&W, once Hong Kong comes under China's control in 1997.

C&W reported pre-tax profits of £844 million in the year to March 31, down 22.4 per cent from the previous year, largely because of one-off charges related to Mercury. Earnings per share fell from 23.6p to 11.5p. A 6.22p final dividend, due on September 1, makes 9.05p, up 9.7 per cent.

Lord Young said that the profits were not encouraging even if exceptional charges are excluded. "We are not making any excuses — this is a disappointing result, and one we do not intend to repeat," he said.

Pre-tax profits excluding the exceptional charges rose by 5 per cent, to £1.14 billion, or 23.6p per share, unchanged from the year before. Overall turnover climbed by 9.2 per cent, to £5.13 billion.

Hong Kong Telecom, owned 57.5 per cent by C&W, again dominated group results, with operating profit up 10 per cent, to £810 million. Growth in Caribbean operations was strong.

Mercury, whose operating profit declined by 17 per cent, to £203 million, was the biggest drag on earnings. C&W took a £122 million charge for Mercury's restructuring, which includes losing 2,500 jobs, and wrote off £178 million in goodwill related to the acquisition of Telephone Rentals, the phone systems installer bought for £319 million in 1988 to expand Mercury's client base.

James Ross, C&W chief executive, said that Mercury's restructuring is ahead of schedule and predicted that the worst was over. "It's a one-year hiccup," he said.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



James Ross, left, and Lord Young saw Cable and Wireless profits hit by Mercury charges

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.13
Austria Sch	17.00	16.50
Belgium Fr	49.52	45.22
Canada $	2.262	2.102
Cyprus Cyp£	0.755	0.700
Denmark Kr	9.46	8.66
Finland Mkk	7.49	6.84
France Fr	8.45	7.80
Germany Dm	2.42	2.21
Greece Dr	381.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	12.86	11.86
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2816	4.5316
Italy Lira	2725.00	2570.00
Japan Yen	150.50	134.50
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.667	2.457
Norway Kr	10.84	9.84
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.42
Spain Pta	203.50	190.50
Sweden Kr	12.19	11.39
Switzerland Fr	2.01	1.83
Turkey Lira	refer	66934.0
USA $	1.577	1.547

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Scepticism greets gilt strips proposal

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Government plans to introduce gilt "strips", which separate interest on a bond from principal payments, as part of its campaign to make the gilt market more efficient and lower the cost of borrowing to the taxpayer.

Anthony Nelson, presenting a consultative document from the Bank of England on the strips market, yesterday said that the Government was paying a "good margin" above what was paid by Germany and America and that the measures proposed could bring savings that run into "billions" (of pounds).

However, analysts said that the likely savings from the measures, which the Government does not expect to have in place until the middle of next year, would not add up to billions very quickly.

Strips arise from separating a standard coupon bond into its interest and principal payments, so that they can be held separately or traded as zero-coupon instruments. Cash-flows from the strips would be identical to the cash-flow from the unstripped bond, assuming no tax distortion. The Inland Revenue proposed sweeping reforms that would allow all returns on gilts and bonds to be taxed as income. This would remove 150 pages from tax rules and eliminate obstacles to the creation of a strips market.

Mr Nelson said that the changes would benefit investors, who could build the portfolios they wanted, rather than being constrained by issuance policy. Pensioners and policy holders would benefit, as their investing institutions could directly match their future outgoings with risk-free liabilities, and taxpayers would benefit as gilts would be more attractive to investors, reducing yields and hence debt interest costs.

A flourishing strips market operates in America. Some European countries also use the instrument.

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GRE to end direct sales to public

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange is to stop selling life insurance and pensions direct to the public by axing its 256-strong direct sales division. It said that selling policies this way was no longer profitable and that it wanted to concentrate on increasing sales via independent financial advisers.

As well as severing links with 178 self-employed sale staff and cutting agreements with 78 tied agents, Guardian plans to make 220 support staff redundant this year.

David Meldrum, managing director of Guardian Financial Services, said: "Policies written through direct sales consultants and appointed reps are not producing an adequate profit contribution and are unlikely to do so."

Guardian, like other life insurance companies, has been hit by a sharp downturn in sales because of depression in the housing market, which has hit sales of endowment policies, and bad publicity about personal pensions. The company said that new business had fallen by about 20 per cent last year.

Other financial services companies have switched to paying salespeople by salary instead of commission.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Amerindo fined £25,000 by Imro

A BRITISH affiliate company of Amerindo Advisers Inc, a large US investment adviser, was yesterday fined £25,000 by Imro, the regulator for fund managers, after being found guilty of four serious rule breaches. Amerindo was also ordered to pay £16,000 in costs. Imro said that over a period of three years up to November last year Amerindo had failed to keep an adequate programme of its compliance work. The company failed to give specific consent to an employee to deal on margin in stocks in which it had dealt for clients.

Imro also said Amerindo had failed to keep adequate financial resources available. In one instance it had a shortfall of £45,000 and in another it had "a financial resources deficit of £138,000". Imro, which has fined four members a total of £120,000 so far this year with £60,000 in costs, also found that Amerindo had not provided the regulator with the proper information on deals conducted by its staff on or about August 15 last year.

US computer merger

THE restructuring of the computer industry in America continues with the proposed takeover of Legent, a software supplier, by Computer Associates International (CA) in a deal worth more than $1.75 billion. CA will soon begin a tender offer for Legent worth $47.95 a share. Both companies have approved the merger. Legent had 1994 revenues of about $500 million. CA said a portion of the funds to be used in the acquisition will come from a $2 billion credit facility underwritten by Credit Suisse. Legent's stock advanced to $45 from $31.25 after the merger was announced.

Barclays staff warned

BARCLAYS BANK'S 60,000 employees yesterday received letters from the bank warning that they would be in breach of contract if they strike next Tuesday. Such a breach of contract could lead the bank to take measures that could involve dismissal, they were told. However, the bank said that it did not currently have any plans to dismiss any staff who went on strike. The industrial action was called by Unifi, the union representing more than 40,000 Barclays staff, over pay. The union is calling for a 5 per cent increase while Barclays has imposed a 2.75 per cent rise.

Metro revenue rises

A HEALTHY rise in advertising revenue helped Metro Radio Group, the Newcastle radio station operator, to advance pre-tax profits 24 per cent to £2.05 million in the six months to March 31. Turnover rose by 16 per cent to £11.7 million. John Josephs, managing director, said advertising revenues continue to grow strongly, while the latest Rajar figures show that Metro's stations have 42.7 per cent of all radio listening in the North East. The interim dividend rises to 2.75p (2.25p), payable on July 10, from earnings ahead 23 per cent to 7.95p (6.48p) a share. Metro shares firmed 2p to 468p.

Bristol Post ahead

THE Bristol Evening Post, the publisher of newspapers in the West on England, said a 9 per cent increase in advertising revenue had arisen principally in the employment sector. Yesterday the company reported a rise in taxable profits to £7.6 million in the year to the end of March from £5.1 million in the previous 12 months. Earnings were 19.65p a share, compared with 12.98p. The total dividend is lifted to 12.75p a share from 12.25p, with an 8.25p final due July 24. The company is in talks with HTV, the ITV broadcaster in Wales and the West of England, to establish joint media ventures.

A&H pegs dividend

ACATOS & HUTCHESON, the edible oils company, is maintaining the interim dividend at 3.5p a share after a decline in pre-tax profits to £4 million from £5.6 million in the half year to April 2. The downturn reflects competitive pressures and the costs of acquisitions and rationalisation and was anticipated by the board at the company's annual meeting in February. The shares, however, fell a further 11p to 234p. Net cash balances at April 2 were £16 million, bolstered by a share subscription in November. Earnings were 6.6p a share, falling from 11.4p previously.

Plea for tax amnesty

INDIVIDUAL taxpayers should be allowed a tax amnesty to get their affairs up to date ahead of the move to self-assessment, the President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation argued yesterday. In his inaugural address, Gerry Hart said that an amnesty would be "a one-off opportunity ... to allow taxpayers to regularise their affairs prior to the introduction of self-assessment with its inbuilt stringent penalties", and should boost payments to the Revenue. Mr Hart said that, under self-assessment, tax advisers' fees should be tax-deductible up to 1 per cent of taxable income.

Forward Group offer

FORWARD GROUP, the specialist electronics and chemicals company, is raising £7.5 million through a share placing and open offer to part-fund the acquisition of Exacta, one of Britain's biggest manufacturers of printed circuit boards. Forward is paying £13.5 million, with a further profit-related payment of £2.5 million. New shares are being offered at 270p. Forward's pre-tax profits rose to £3.7 million for the year ended January 31 from £2 million last time. A final dividend of 3.5p a share, due July 3, makes a total 6p (5p).

Morland beer sales up

SALES of Old Speckled Hen beer rose sharply to give Morland, the Abingdon, Oxfordshire, brewery, a boost in the half-year to March 31. Pre-tax profits rose to £4.7 million from £4 million and earnings to 14.8p a share from 12.8p. The interim dividend rises to 3.37p a share from 3.06p, payable on July 14. The shares rose 12p to 482p. The company said sales of Old Speckled Hen rose 30 per cent. Total draught beer sales rose 8.3 per cent in a declining market and turnover improved to £29.5 million from £26.6 million.

Shorts joins with Lockheed Martin to sell missile

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LOCKHEED MARTIN, the world's biggest defence contractor, is to work with Shorts of Belfast in an effort to sell Shorts's Starstreak air defence missile to the US Army.

The collaboration will promote Starstreak as an air-to-air missile for use on America's 800 Apache attack helicopters. The missile has already been made a mandatory requirement for the three consortia bidding to supply Britain with a new attack helicopter.

Adoption of Starstreak by the US could provide more than £1 billion of work for Shorts Defence Systems, a 50/50 joint venture between Shorts, owned by Bombardier of Canada, and Thomson CSF of France.

The collaboration with Lockheed was announced by Roy McNulty, president of Shorts, at a conference in Washington called by President Clinton to promote investment and trade between Northern Ireland and the US in support of the peace process.

Mr McNulty said that selection of Starstreak by US forces "would create a significant number of new jobs in Northern Ireland and be of major benefit to the Northern Ireland economy at a crucial time".

It would also help to remedy an imbalance in trade in weapons between Britain and America. Shorts and Lockheed are already collaborating in the bid by Westland, the Yeovil helicopter company, to supply the Apache, designed by McDonnell Douglas of America, to Britain's Ministry of Defence. If Apache is selected, Shorts would assemble the Lockheed Hellfire anti-armour missiles that would equip the aircraft in a contract potentially worth £600 million.

Under the new agreement, any Starstreak missiles purchased by America would be assembled by Lockheed Martin Electronics at its plant in Troy, Alabama. Kits of parts would be supplied from Shorts's modern £400 million plant in West Belfast, where a staff of 500 is employed.

By announcing the extension in their alliance now, the partners clearly hope to highlight the ability of the US Administration to use its buying power to support the Northern Ireland economy.

The link is also confirmation of the laser-guided Starstreak's good export prospects. It can be launched from helicopters, ships, light vehicles or even the shoulder of a soldier, delivering three armour-piercing explosive darts at a speed no aircraft can escape.

Aérospatiale, the French aircraft, missiles and satellites group, has also held talks with Shorts about fitting Starstreak to the Franco-German Tiger helicopter.

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Li Ka-shing targets naval base



Li: property shares boost

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

LI KA-SHING, the Hong Kong entrepreneur said to be the crown colony's richest man, has revealed that he is interested in bidding for the former HMS Tamar, the old Royal Navy base in the heart of the territory's business district.

The Royal Navy pulled out of the base at the end of last year and has concentrated its remaining operations at Stonecutter's Island, where it maintains three patrol craft. A successful bid by Mr Li for Tamar, which forms part of the central reclamation area, would tighten his grip on Hong Kong Island, where he is also planning redevelopment of the old Hilton Hotel site.

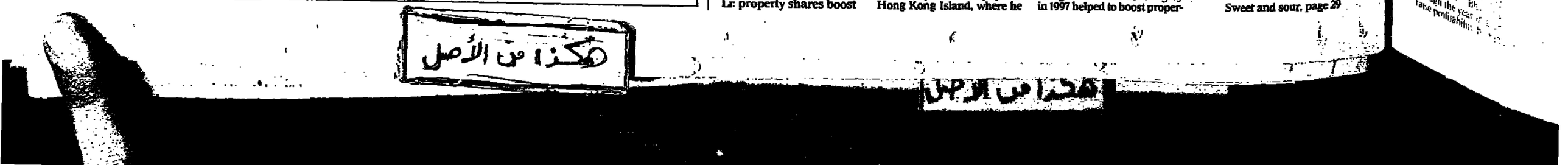
Mr Li, speaking after the annual meeting of Cheung Kong, his main property company, said his corporate stable was interested in bidding for the Tamar site. He could not say whether it would be alone or with partners. Last week, he said his group would be in the bidding for the central airport rail terminal site.

The confidence Mr Li's purchase has indicated about buying of prime sites in the run-up to the return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty in 1997 helped to boost property stocks on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

China's People's Liberation Army has reserved part of the Tamar base, currently owned by the Hong Kong Government, for its own use after the handback. The waterfront property comprises a small dockyard, workshops and a large office building.

Mr Li said recent comments by Lu Ping, Director of China's Office of Hong Kong and Macau Affairs, that land leases after could be longer than 50 years should boost local confidence in property.

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☐ Bond market faces new revolution ☐ Helicopter contest links defence hopefuls ☐ Clear away the mergers morass

Brave new gilt-stripping world

☐ TO MOST non-professionals, one element stands out from the arcane proposals of the Inland Revenue and the Bank of England for the gilt-edged and bond markets. Capital gains on gilt-edged would no longer be tax-free. That concession, and the later one for corporate bonds, were made precisely to help finance government deficits and to stimulate the markets. Now, the argument is that abolishing the relief will do the same.

Sceptics will smell a rat. But the tax changes would be the key to the biggest reform of the gilt-edged market since the 1986 Big Bang. The tax proposals stem from attempts to satisfy the changing needs of big international investors, pension funds and insurance companies. They are now much readier to buy fixed interest securities for reasons varying from lower inflation to the changes in pension fund law now dragging through Parliament. The Bank of England, which has been too conservative in the past, is right to respond. It can only allow a much wider variety of instruments to emerge if the tax distinction between income and capital gains is removed — and with it a clogging mass of anti-avoidance rules.

That revolution could save money for taxpayers, make debt issue a more feasible option for big companies and boost market turnover in the City of London. There are drawbacks too.

The new tax regime will not be entirely simple. It must allow inflation relief for indexed-linked stocks, as on equities, though not on conventional gilt-edged, where capital gains become income and losses are deductible. Special rules will be needed to protect private investors.

The proposals require fewer, more homogeneous issues of government bonds. So the gilt-edged market will gradually desert the small investor. That will, however, reflect the realities of the past thirty years and may matter little. There are now tax-free instruments for investing modestly in bonds.

The Bank's paper on *Strips and New Instruments in the Gilt-edged market* opens the way for a more dangerous world as well as a more efficient one. Gilt-edged and corporate bonds could be carved up into separate bits representing each instalment of interest due and the principal, now all converted into "zero-coupon strips". That allows big investors to tailor the securities they buy closely to their needs, a clear plus for pension funds for instance. In effect, they can design their own gilt-edged stocks. Such single-purpose securities have shown their appeal in split-capital investment trusts. They should work for coporations. But turning staid safe-looking investments into zingy, exciting securities would also make many of them more risky and interest-rate sensitive. Such "complex" securities caused havoc among American investors who thought a safe borrower meant low risk.

Such reforms need great care, but the direction is surely right.

Wheels within whirlybirds

☐ MICHAEL Heseltine's decision to overrule the Monopolies Commission's recommendations in respect of the GEC/BAe battle for control of VSEL, maker of the Trident submarine, has interesting implications. If Heseltine had gone along with the MMC's majority verdict that GEC should be blocked, the odds



against an amalgam of GEC and BAe would have lengthened. Instead, they have shortened.

Lord Weinstock's preferred option has always been an amalgam of GEC and BAe's defence interests. Historicaly, he was deterred by unquantified exposure to leases in BAe's civil aerospace operations. These have now been capped, and the regional aircraft are about to be tied into a European consortium.The City is convinced that further consolidation of the UK's defence industry is inevitable.

As it happens, neither BAe nor GEC have rushed to revive VSEL hostilities. Both parties, courtesy of the Takeover Panel, have three weeks to put up or shut up.

While this little skirmish warms up, GEC, BAe and GKN, new-found parent of Westland, are shouting each other down ahead of the UK's £2 billion attack helicopter order. Westland is fronting the Apache, the US army's main attack helicopter manufactured by McDonnell Douglas. BAe represents the Tiger, under development by the Franco-German Eurocopter group, while GEC has linked up with Bell Helicopters to offer the Venom, a yet to be developed version of the Cobra. GKN has taken heart from Wednesday's decision by the Dutch Air Force to proceed with a $720 million order for 30 AH-64D Apache armed helicopters. But behind the lobbyists' smokescreen, it is apparent that Tiger has closed the Apache's early lead and is now neck-and-neck.

In the event of a Tiger victory, BAe would become a 20 per cent partner in the Tiger programme. Westland would be invited to undertake the assembly, as a sub-contractor. That could open the way for both BAe and Westland/GKN to forge equity links with Eurocopter. Who better than Lord Weinstock, the doyen of Euro-mergers, to complete the deal?

Ensuring open competition

☐ UNTIL recently, the idea of a Single Competition Authority was a hazy pipe dream, conjured up by the outgoing Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading. Now, however, the suggestion is gaining momentum and yesterday it received the backing of the Trade and Industry Select Committee.

There is little question that present competition policy in Britain is in a mess. Mergers and markets are examined in private by the OFT, which chooses a selection to be passed up to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. At any stage the Trade Secretary or the European Commission can put their oar in and overturn the whole complex process. This is bureaucracy at its very finest.

The chance to clear away lumps of this paper-churning machinery and replace it with a singe body should be grabbed with both hands and there is a good chance that the present or a future government may agree. A competition authority could look at all potential cases and decide which of them need a full inspection by its commissioners. The Trade Secretary would retain his ultimate veto, which Mr Heseltine used so effectively in the VSEL bid this week.

There is one potential pitfall in the process of simplifying Britain's competition machinery. Currently, the MMC is fully accountable to the public. The commission holds formal hearings where the parties involved can be legally represented. Its weighty reports contain full written evidence from the participants. The OFT, by contrast, operates behind closed doors and rarely publishes more than a brief summary of its reasons for its actions. Any new competition authority should meet the higher standards of public accountability and not be able to conceal any of its embarrassing blunders or compromises. Indeed, the new authority could go one step further and hold full public hearings in merger inquiries, just as the select committee that recommends it has to operate in public. Open government need not be sacrificed on the altar of efficiency.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Toast to the new boys: Geoffrey Maddrell, chairman, left, and Peter Darbyshire, managing director, yesterday

Profit rise slows at South West

BY ERIC REGULY

SOUTH West Water, whose prices are the subject of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry, disappointed investors yesterday with a relatively small rise in profits and dividends.

The shares rose 8p, to 527p, but most of the other privatised water companies posted stronger gains.

South West's pre-tax profit rose 6 per cent to £98.7 million in the year to the end of March. Earnings, excluding a £35.5 million restructuring charge, rose 5 per cent to 71.8p a share. After the charge, which relates chiefly to redundancies and property writedowns, earnings were 43.7p. Turnover was up 14 per cent to £286.2 million.

Ken Hill, finance director, said profits and turnover increased because of a larger customer base and a high "K" factor, which allows water companies to raise their prices at a certain percentage above the inflation rate.

South West raised its prices by 12.4 per cent in 1994/95. The increase this year falls to 4.5 per cent. Mr Hill said the profits are unlikely to increase substantially this year because of the lower K factor and higher interest charges. Unlike some water companies, South West was in no position to offer a special dividend.

A final dividend of 18.2p will be paid on September 1, making a total 27.3p, up 7 per cent over last year. North West Water set the pace earlier this week with a 10.75 per cent dividend increase, excluding a special dividend of 3.8p.

South West will learn the outcome of the MMC inquiry on June 28, three months later than it expected.

Gestetner hit by Canadian loss

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SHARES in Gestetner, the office equipment group, yesterday plunged 34p to 69p after the company said that it faced a major trading loss in Canada of £14 million and that it would have to make a £15 million provision to overhaul operations there.

The company said it had only just become aware of the size of the problems, which have cut pre-tax profit expectations for this financial year from £25 million to £9.5 million. It said that key executives are going to Canada to tackle problems involving businesses that Gestetner bought in the early 1990s and that it is uncertain how long it will take to restructure the operations.

Gestetner would not confirm that managers in Canada are likely to pay for the trading slide with their jobs.

The company's quickly expanding Canadian operations made a £1 million profit last year. The problems reported yesterday arise from the final stage of rationalisation of the businesses, which involved consolidation of management integration systems. The company said that serious operational difficulties had occurred in the first quarter of this year because of problems with integration of inventory control and rental equipment management. The severity of the situation seen so far led it to forecast that a loss of £14 million would result by the end of the year.

Canadian sales volumes are 20 per cent below 1994 levels.

Of the £15 million provision, half is allotted to projects and half to go on write-downs.

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PowerGen surges beyond forecasts

BY MARTIN WALLER

POWERGEN, the smaller of the two electricity generators, has cast doubt on the attempt by rival National Power, to sue the Government over the bungled share sale last spring.

Ed Wallis, PowerGen's chief executive, said that his company had taken its own legal advice. "We concluded we had no case whatsoever."

John Baker, his counterpart at National Power, said this month that he was considering legal action against the Treasury over the plunge in his company's share price after the intervention of Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator.

Professor Littlechild sent all electricity share prices tumbling when he announced his intention to go back on an earlier regulatory review of the 12 regional distributors in England and Wales just as the shares were being marketed, and Mr Baker said the Treasury's failure to warn the market beforehand could be the basis of legal action.

But Mr Wallis commented: "I think somebody was flying a kite — I don't think they ever intended to take the Government to court. It's all a bit of a storm in a tea-cup."

PowerGen was announcing pre-tax profits for the year to the end of March that were ahead of market expectations, not least because the company took advantage of the misfortunes of its other main competitor, Nuclear Electric, in January and February.

Nuclear suffered technical problems at three of its power plants during those months of high demand, and PowerGen capitalised on this by selling to those customers affected. Mr Wallis said: "One of the dogs has fallen over — you drop your prices and you dash in there and grab his bone."

Pre-tax profits rose from £476 million to £545 million, £30 million greater than some estimates. PowerGen is paying a final dividend of 10p a share, as indicated in the Government share sale, raising the total to 15p, covered 3.3 times by earnings of 49.6p, while forecasting that this cover will reduce further, to 2.5 to 2.7 times, over the next two years. The group ended the year with gearing of just 10 per cent of shareholders' funds, in spite of investing £400 million and spending £330 million buying some shares back, but with the benefit of a cut of almost £300 million in the value of coal held in stock.

PowerGen shares rose 2p to 495p. The part-paid shares were up 2p, at 203p.

The windfall from National Nuclear customers enabled the company to slow the rate at which it was losing market share to other generators. Its share dropped 0.2 percentage points to 25.9 per cent.

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MacDonald finds malt goes better with Coke

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

WHISKY connoisseurs may recoil at the latest trend in Italy to drink a malt with Coke, but MacDonald Martin, parent company of the Glenmorangie single malt, is not complaining after seeing a jump in profits on the back of revitalised interest in malt.

Increased malt drinking, along with the marketing of premium versions of Glenmorangie, the UK's second largest-selling malt, helped boost pre-tax profits 15 per cent to £5.71 million on turnover which increased 20 per cent to £35.37 million.

MacDonald Martin, yesterday reported on a year during which Geoffrey Maddrell took over as chairman and Neil McKerrow, managing director, left. Sales of Glenmorangie 18 per cent internationally and 33 per cent in the UK.

Although MacDonald Martin achieved an increase in all international markets except Asia, where overstocking in Japan was to blame for a £500,000 sales fall, the UK showed the most marked improvement with sales rising from £16.9 million in 1994 to £21.2 million last year.

Own label/buyers' own brand sales of malt whisky were strong, showing an improvement of 140 per cent against a general market increase of 17 per cent. The distiller performed less convincingly in blended own-label sales, suffering a decline of 25 per cent while the market moved up 4 per cent.

Product marketing is a key part of MacDonald Martin's strategy and in February it appointed Peter Darbyshire managing director. Mr Darbyshire, who came from Drambuie, where he was managing director, has built a career promoting whisky.

Earnings per share rose 12 per cent with the A shares at 27.49p and the B shares at 13.74p. The dividend rises 10 per cent to 8.15p for the A shares and 4.07p for the B shares and is payable on July 28. The A share price rose 22p to 675p while the B shares were unchanged at 883p.

Storehouse counter-attack

BY CARL MORTISHED

A CONFIDENT Storehouse is spending £100 million on new Bhs and Mothercare stores, creating at least 1,000 new jobs. This follows a two-point surge in margins at the retailing group, which has sent operating profits climbing 32 per cent to £87.6 million.

Keith Edelman, group chief executive said that gross margins were up by a full percentage point and sales 5 per cent on a 52-week comparison. At the pre-tax level profits were up 46 per cent to £91 million, boosted by last year's exceptional loss. Mr Edelman described the results as encouraging in a tough and competitive market. "The consumer has been bashed on the head," he said. "They are very shy of spending more money."

Storehouse changed its strategy at Bhs halfway through the year in a drive to raise profitability by reducing markdowns and tightening the rules on its Choice card loyalty scheme. The push for profits gained Bhs an extra 1.5 points of gross margin but at the expense of sales at the Bhs chain, which only improved by 3 per cent on a 52-week comparison with 1 per cent from new space.

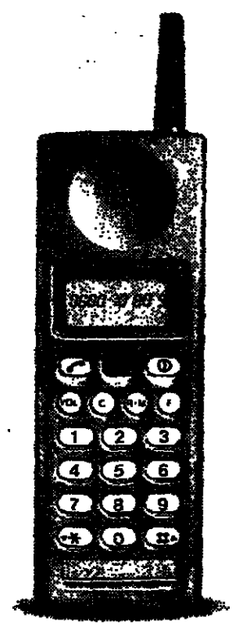


Edelman: hard times

At Mothercare, profits were up by more than two-thirds thanks to new store formats which gave a big boost in children's clothing sales, leading to 7 per cent sales growth at existing stores. Operating margins at Mothercare rose by two points to 5.6 per cent and Mr Edelman expects to gain another when Mothercare's distribution goes to the automated distribution centre at Atherstone.

Tight control of costs — profit-related pay means that Storehouse is not funding a higher fixed wage bill — left the group with £75 million in the bank at the year end and Mr Edelman expects to close the current financial year with net cash even after funding the £100 million store opening programme. Storehouse is paying a full-year dividend of 6.3p, up 15 per cent and the payout is covered 2.4 times by earnings.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Weak dollar puts paid to London's bull run

SHARE prices saw a lead of more than 30 points wiped out as market-makers applied the brake to this week's bull run.

The FT-SE 100 index, which opened at a 15-month high in early trading, climbed throughout the morning before falling sharply to finish just 0.9 better at 3,328.2. Turnover was a healthy 752 million shares.

Renewed weakness in the dollar was blamed for the setback in London. The US currency came under pressure amid claims that one Mexican bank had run into difficulty on the futures market and was unable to meet its obligations. Wall Street followed the dollar lower and within the first two hours of trading the Dow Jones industrial average was nursing a loss of more than 40 points.

But brokers in London were unruffled. They said that market-makers had used the setback on Wall Street as an excuse to mark prices in London sharply lower to prompt a few sellers. London has been driven higher in recent weeks as worries about inflationary pressures and interest rates began to recede. This has left most market-makers short of stock and scrambling to cover positions.

United Newspapers, led by Lord Stevens of Ludgate, stood out with a rise of 14p at 520p as almost 1.5 million shares changed hands. Along with other media companies the shares were hit earlier this week by Government proposals for media ownership.

But the price was racing ahead again yesterday inspired by revived talk that United may be close to selling its Express Newspapers subsidiary, including the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express*.

Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, has been pushing United shares, having taken the view that they have been oversold. Laing says the sale of Express Newspapers would be positive for the shares.

BICC rose 4p to 331p, reflecting Capita's decision this week to increase its holding in the company to about 10 per cent. The share price was also supported yesterday by claims that Siemens, the German group, is ready to make a bid. But there seems to be little hard evidence to back the claims. Several market-makers have long positions in BICC and are looking to drum up business in the shares in order to reduce their holdings.



Lord Stevens faced renewed talk of an *Express* sale

Gestetner, the office equipment group, was an early casualty after issuing a profits warning, with the ordinary dropping 34p to 69p and the capital shares 50p to 78p. Problems at its Canadian operations will result in a restructuring charge totalling £7.5 million, or almost half of the expected pre-tax profits of £15 million. **Inchcape**, the international trading group, which has a 15 per cent stake in Gestetner, finished 1p firmer at 327p.

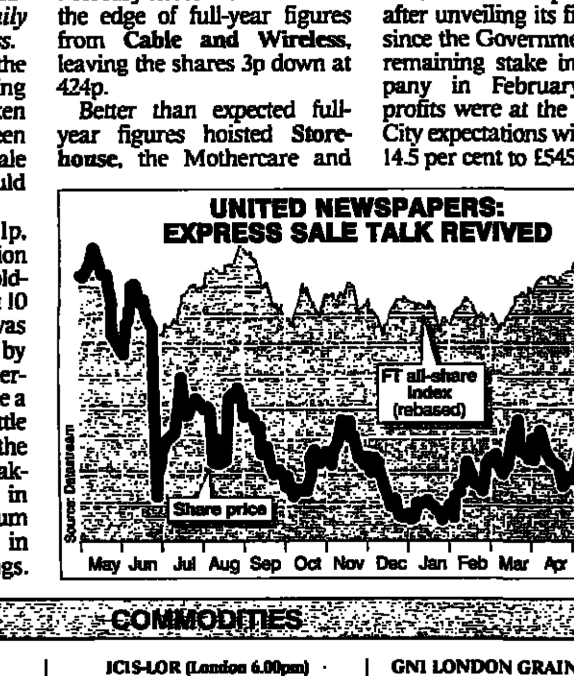
The cost of restructuring its Mercury telecom division took the edge of full-year figures from **Cable and Wireless**, leaving the shares 3p down at 424p.

Better than expected full-year figures hoisted **Storehouse**, the Mothercare and Bhs stores group, 20p higher at 263p. Pre-tax profits were 46 per cent up at £91.2 million.

House of Fraser, however, slipped 2p to 148p after shareholders were told at the annual meeting that current trading remained extremely competitive. Customer confidence was described by Brian McGowan, the chairman, as fragile. He said this was likely to continue as long as consumers were worried about further rises in interest rates.

PowerGen, the smaller of the two quoted power generators, firmed 2½p to 495½p after unveiling its first figures since the Government sold its remaining stake in the company in February. Pre-tax profits were at the top end of City expectations with a rise of 14.5 per cent to £545 million in spite of a small drop in turnover.

Brokers came away from a two-day trip to Germany with BBA Group clearly impressed. BBA has built up a dominant position in Germany for friction materials, such as brake linings, and is now the lead player in Europe. UBS, stockbrokers, was buying yesterday and shares responded with a rise of 4½p to 218p.



South West Water climbed 8p to 527p in spite of a drop in full-year pre-tax profits from £98.7 million to £63.2 million. The figure was struck after restructuring costs of £35.5 million relating to a programme of cost cutting resulting in further job losses. Profits from non-regulated businesses grew 21 per cent.

The 7 per cent rise in South West's dividend attracted revived institutional support to the rest of the sector. There were gains recorded in thin trading for **Anglian** 19p to 533p, **North West** 21p to 615p, **Northumbrian** 26p to 930p, **Severn Trent** 6p to 567p, **Southern** 24p to 637p, **Thames** 10p to 507p, **Welsh** 10p to 643p, **Wessex** 5p to 313p and **Yorkshire** 19p to 595p.

Waste Recycling rose 11p to 105p on further consideration of its acquisition this week of two landfill sites and a waste disposal business for £7.7 million. To help finance the deal Waste has arranged a two-for-11 rights issue at 80p to raise £3.27 million and a placing of shares.

Doeflex rose 6p to 198p after announcing plans to acquire Plastech Extrusions for £3.92 million. The group is raising £5 million through a placing and open offer to help fund the deal. The balance of £2.2 million will be used to reduce debt. Doeflex shares have risen from 128p since March.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The market opened higher in an attempt to extend Wednesday's gains but prices fell on the back of a weaker dollar and lower US Treasury bonds.

Late trading ended in turmoil after the Government published a consultation document suggesting, among other things, introducing capital gains tax on gilt transactions.

The June series of the Long Gilt was chased higher in the futures pit but ran into resistance at about £108½. It closed just a tick better at £107 27/32 in hectic turnover that saw 83,000 contracts traded. Among conventional issues, **Treasury 8 per cent 2013** ended the day all-square at £101, while at the shorter end **Treasury 8 per cent 2000** was £¼ better at £101 19/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Warnings of a weaker US economy saw traders shedding shares. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 28.35 points at 4,409.81.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4409.81 (-28.35)
S&P Composite .... 526.97 (-1.64)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 15579.44 (-391.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9390.60 (+132.42)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... Closed

Sydney:
AO .... 2046.0 (+7.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... Closed

Singapore:
Straits .... 2172.08 (-0.61)

Brussels:
General .... Closed

Paris:
CAC-40 .... Closed

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... Closed

London:
FT 30 .... 2513.2 (-4.1)
FT 100 .... 3328.2 (+0.9)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3651.6 (+28.1)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1653.7 (+3.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1358.70 (-4.50)
FT A All-Share .... 1635.32 (+3.16)
FT Non Financials .... 1756.50 (+2.76)
FT Fixed Interest .... 113.88 (+0.78)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.60 (+0.03)
Bargains 29758
SEAQ Volume 752.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 155.10 (+0.13)
US$ .... 1.6023 (+0.0283)
German Mark .... 2.2504 (-0.0146)
Exchange Index .... 84.9 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU .... n/a
£:SDR 1.0239
RPI .... 149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	723	-3
Dumyat IT Cv An Div	105	...
Dumyat IT Month Div	105	...
Edinburgh Japan Tst C	101	...
Finsbury World Tst	101	...
General Cable (190)	172	+2
Gus Carter (80)	95	...
Ivory/Sime UK Disc	97	...
Ivory/Sime UK Disc Wts	31	...
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Precoat Intl (125)	135	...
Schroder Inc Gth Fnd	106	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	27	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Prime People n/p (4)	1½	...
Regal Hotel n/p (35)	¾	...
Scott & New 95 n/p (475)	42	+2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Barclays .... 678p (+9p)
Gerrard Nat .... 468p (+7p)
King Shaxson .... 122p (+6p)
Schroders .... 1143p (+10p)
Bass .... 590p (+9p)
Morland .... 482p (+12p)
Norbain .... 367p (+12p)
Broken Hill .... 832p (+9p)
Telspec .... 500p (+10p)
Hall Eng .... 184p (+7p)
IMI .... 311p (+6p)
Siebe .... 608p (+6p)
Greencore .... 453p (+6p)

FALLS:
Br Aerospace .... 523p (-12p)
AB Food .... 648p (-7p)
Acatos & Hutch .... 234p (-11p)
Lex Service .... 334p (-7p)
BTR .... 340p (-5p)
Danka Bs Sys .... 378p (-11p)
Gestetner .... 69p (-34p)
Racal Elect .... 266p (-6p)
Tadpole Tech .... 91p (-11p)

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Winged messenger

SEEING Cable and Wireless with flat earnings is rather like being told that the world is flat after all. The market has viewed C&W as a premier growth stock for so long that this new world will take some adjusting to. Perhaps the rot set in when the group installed a cascading fountain in the lobby of its headquarters.

After years of straight-line growth, Mercury appears to have hit a wall. Lord Young's remarks about the business are not encouraging. The emphasis on cost-cutting is hardly the sort of environment associated with growth businesses. Mercury's hair shirt reorganisation is tantamount to an admission that its share of the British market has topped out.

In that light, the business looks flabby, with a return on net assets of only 11 per cent. C&W has net assets of £1.79 billion in the UK, a quarter more than in Hong Kong, but Hong Kong generates four times more operating profit. Predictably, C&W's shares have been heavily de-rated since it first outlined the problems at Mercury, and its earnings multiple is only three points higher than BT. There is a chance that that gap will narrow further unless Mercury shows renewed momentum, and the One-2-One Service reduces its impressive losses.

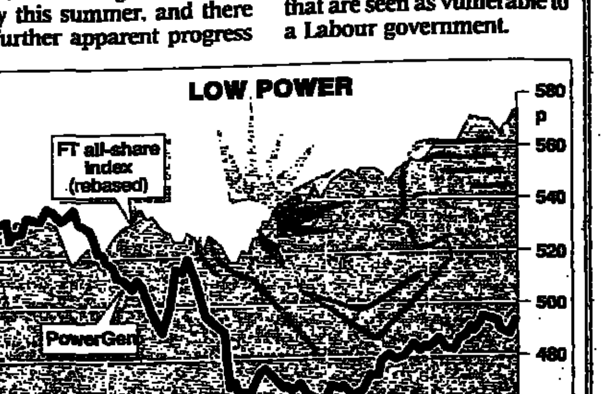
There remains the chance of a bid for C&W. But the group's affiliations with minority partners mean that it is littered with poisoned pills, and any bidder would have to risk the uncertainties facing Hong Kong Telecom after 1997. The group has also become more bid proof since Veba took its 10.5 per cent stake. Lord Young and his team will have their work cut out to restore C&W to growth and cannot expect outside help.

PowerGen

IF Ed Wallis's only pressing problem is how to sell off the requisite 2,000 mw of generating plant, he is indeed a lucky man. The real question seems to be how far the generator can push the regulator to ensure any deal is in its best interests.

PowerGen is not apparently contemplating anything so simple as an outright sale. Instead, the company would not mind ensuring that at least some of the earnings from the sold plant stay with it, via a minority shareholding or a management contract or whatever. This would have attractions to a buyer, which would derive comfort that it was not being sold a pup and have practical assistance in a market new to it. However, it is not what Professor Stephen Littlechild at Offer had in mind when he ordered the sell-offs to increase competition within the generating market.

This regulatory risk of the impending re-review of distribution prices, although largely irrelevant to the generators, continues to overshadow the shares. If the review can be got out of the way this summer, and there is further apparent progress on sell-offs, sentiment could turn positive. For now, they sell on a 4.8 per cent prospective yield for this year — a 4 per cent premium to the market and a recognition of the scope to raise dividends out of hefty cash flow. However, the market is always going to be wary of stocks that are seen as vulnerable to a Labour government.



Storehouse

STOREHOUSE is a different animal from the financially challenged creature of several years ago. The company is churning out cash at a rate that will allow it to spend £100 million on new stores this year and have money in the bank at the end of next March.

But half way through the last financial year, the directors decided to become more aggressive and reined in the discounting at British Home Stores, which had improved its volumes so well. The Storehouse boardroom echoed with the old mantra — turnover is vanity, profits are sanity. The result was that even though sales growth stagnated, the gross margin increased by a solid percentage point and tighter stock control has allowed more profit to flow through to the bottom line.

A financially disciplined Storehouse is a wondrous sight, but the decision to curb its price offensive at this stage in the cycle is curious. After only a year of advertising the new format BhS, the company can ill afford to assume much brand loyalty. If heavyweights such as Marks & Spencer find the going tough, a decision to push for margin looks premature, and unless consumer spending picks up this autumn it may have to return to discounting to push sales through the new stores.

Gestetner

GESTETNER has trodden on so many banana skins in its time you would think it owned a plantation in the Leeward Islands. Until yesterday, few people in the City even realised that the group had Canadian subsidiaries. Suddenly they were told that it will make a £14 million loss this year, almost as much as the entire group's profits last year.

Worse still, the group in its wisdom has decided to take a further £15 million provision to sort out its problems in Canada, barely a year after it clobbered its 1993 figures with a £43.5 million provision.

Gestetner's bald statement poses more questions than it answers. It is hard to see how an operation this small can generate quite such a teeth-gnashing loss. The reference to problems in inventory control suggests that stock has simply vanished.

More worrying is the board's admission that it has only just become aware of the problems. That indicates that Gestetner's management controls are in complete disarray.

The one business that comes out of this sorry mess with any credit is Inchcape which wisely decided not to increase its stake in the group last year. But its reluctance is unfortunate for Gestetner's other shareholders who must long for someone to buy them out of this trouble.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	920-910	Jul	1015-1014
Jul	929-928	Sep	1027-1026
Sep	949-948	Dec	1047-1042
Dec	970-968	Mar	1067-1055
Mar	990-989		
May	1003-1000		Volume: 6232

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2753-2730	Jan	2735-2725
Jul	2775-2772	Mar	2735-2720
Sep	2747-2745	May	2735-2710
Nov	2755-2750		Volume: 4921

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	290.4-89.2
Spot: 386.0		May	290.9-89.2
Aug	346.0-45.0	Aug	291.9-89.2
Oct	300.0-99.0	Oct	276.4-73.7
Dec	289.4-88.2		Volume: 961

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	95.38	110.49	121.76
(+/-)	+2.60	-20.04	+0.16
Eng/Wales:	95.58	111.86	120.84
(+/-)	+2.60	-21.61	-0.24
(%)	n/c	-10.0	-8.0
Scotland:	unq	116.31	125.68
(+/-)	...	-12.43	+1.72
(%)	...	+33.0	-3.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.15	-0.40
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.00	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.80	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.25	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.10	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 206 (n/c)	O: 208 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	164 (-1)	165 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	162 (-1)	163 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	157 (-1)	158 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	108 (-2)	110 (-2)
Naphtha	187 (-2)	189 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	159.75-60.00	Sep	157.50 SLR
Jul	156.25-56.50	Oct	160.50-60.75
Aug	155.75-56.00		Vol: 16698

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.99-18.00	Oct	17.49-17.56
Aug	17.79-17.80	Nov	17.50 SLR
Sep	17.64 BID		Vol: 24355

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t) / **BARLEY (close £/t)**

Jul	127.50	Sep	105.75
Sep	108.15	Nov	107.50
Nov	109.20	Jan	109.65
Jan	111.20	Mar	111.50
Mar	113.05	May	113.40
Volume: 275		Volume: 10	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	120.0	122.0
May	unq	147.5
Jun		
		Volume: 10

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jul 113.75-114.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	unq	unq	2125
Jun 95	1943	1935	1943
Jul 95	1831	1830	1839
Oct 95	unq	unq	1833
Vol: 76 lots		Open Interest:	4574

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2863.0-2864.0	2838.0-2839.0	2485275
Lead ($/tonne)	605.00-606.00	616.00-616.50	100950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1040.0-1041.0	1066.0-1067.0	511650
Tin ($/tonne)	6010.0-6020.0	5920.0-5940.0	16955
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1823.0-1824.0	1843.0-1844.0	1502075
Nickel ($/tonne)	7550.0-7560.0	7695.0-7700.0	71682

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom.	500	40	51½	59½	4½	8	15
(*531)	550	10	22	31	24½	30	37
Argyll	300	27	31	37½	4	8½	12
(*325½)	330	5	14½	21	17½	22½	26½
ASDA	80	5	7	9	2½	4	5½
(*82½)	90	1	3	4½	8½	9½	11
Boots	500	21	32½	40	11½	14½	21½
(*517½)	550	2½	10½	18	45½	46½	50½
Br Airways	390	27½	34	41	6	11	16½
(*415)	420	8½	18½	26	19½	26	31
BP	420	35	43½	49½	3½	7	10½
(*449)	460	9	19½	27	17½	23½	27½
Br Steel	160	19½	21	23½	1	3	5
(*178½)	180	5	9	12	8½	11½	14
C & W	420	14½	26	35	15½	20½	26
(*422)	460	3	11	20	46	47½	51
CU	550	61	68½	79½	3	10	14½
(*604)	600	24	36	49½	17	29	34
ICI	750	55	65	81½	6	16	20
(*792½)	800	21½	35	52	22½	37½	41
Kingfshr.	460	19	32	42	14	24½	29
(*463½)	500	5	14½	24½	40	48	51½
Land Sec.	600	22½	31	38½	14½	19½	24½
(*620)	650	1½	10	17½	52	53	56
M & S	390	29½	36½	44	3	7	10
(*419½)	420	9	18½	27	15½	18½	22½
Nat West	550	18	32	41½	14½	27½	30½
(*551½)	600	6	13½	20½	49½	59½	61
Sainsbury	420	29	37½	46	3	7	10½
(*441½)	460	6½	15	24	21	25	28½
Shell	750	35½	48½	60½	7	17	21½
(*773)	800	8½	20	34½	31	42	46
Smkl Bch.	500	20½	31	43½	10½	17½	24½
(*505½)	550	4	10½	21½	45	49	54
Storehse	240	25	28	32½	2	4½	6½
(*262½)	260	10	15	20	9½	11½	14
Trafalgar	45	6	8½	9½	1½	3	4
(*49)	50	3	6	7	3½	5½	6½
Unilever	1200	54½	93½	105	13	24	31
(*1227½)	1250	27½	65½	76½	36½	46½	53
Zeneca	900	53	69½	88½	9	23	30½
(*937)	950	23	41	60½	29	44½	53
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met.	390	15	24	30½	13½	17	22½
(*392½)	420	5½	11½	17½	34	36	40½
Ladbroke	180	11	15	19	6	8½	11
(*182½)	200	3½	6½	10	18½	21½	23
Utd Bisc	300	34	40½	45½	1½	8½	10½
(*326)	330	14½	22½	29	11	20½	23

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	43	51½	58½	2½	6	10½
(*499½)	500	13½	29½	34	16	20½	25½
Thames W	500	14½	23½	30	20½	25½	32½
(*506½)	550	0½	7½	12½	60½	62½	66
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	460	45	50	61	8	14	18½
(*493½)	500	20	27½	38½	25½	31½	36½
BTR	330	19	24½	29½	6½	11½	13½
(*339½)	360	6½	10½	15½	23	28	30
Br Aero	495	49	60½	—	14	21½	—
(*522½)	545	23	35	—	38½	46	—
Br Telcm.	390	23	26	28½	10	14	19½
(*403½)	420	7½	11	15	28½	32	36½
Cadbury	447	35½	—	—	5½	—	—
(*470½)	486	12½	—	—	22½	—	—
Guinness	460	36½	45½	55½	7	10½	14½
(*484½)	500	13½	23½	33	24	28½	32½
GEC	300	17½	20½	24	7½	11	14
(*311½)	330	3½	7½	11	27½	29½	31½
Hanson	220	19½	21½	24	2	5	7½
(*238)	240	7	10½	13½	9½	14	16½
LASMO	160	14	19	23½	4½	6½	8
(*167½)	180	5	9½	13½	15	17	18½
Lucas	180	19	23½	25½	3½	7½	10
(*193½)	200	8	12	16	12	18	20
Pilkingtn.	180	9½	15	18½	5	8½	10
(*185)	200	2½	6½	9½	18	20½	21½
Prudential	330	24	30	35½	6½	12	13½
(*342½)	360	9	15	20½	21½	27½	29
Redland	420	32	41½	49	7	16½	18
(*438)	460	12	21	29	27	36½	37½
R-Royce	180	18½	21½	26	4	7½	9
(*192)	200	8	11	15½	13	17	19
Tesco	280	17½	24	30	5½	9½	11
(*289)	300	7	14	18½	15½	19	20½
Vodafone	200	14½	21	25½	6½	9½	12½
(*209)	220	5	11½	16	17½	20½	23
Williams	330	17	22	28½	7½	12	14
(*334½)	360	4½	9	14½	26½	30	31½

FT-SE INDEX (*3331½)

	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450
Calls						
Jun	143	98	60	30	11½	3½
Jul	166	128	93½	64	41	24
Aug	176	139½	107	78½	55	37
Sep	193	157½	126½	98	74½	54½
Dec	244	—	182½	—	132	—
Puts						
Jun	5½	11	23	45½	81	129
Jul	19	30½	46½	68½	97	134
Aug	30	43	61½	84	111½	145
Sep	40	53½	72½	95	122	154
Dec	71½	—	108½	—	157½	—

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat.	460	29	40	48½	2½	11	14
(*485½)	500	6½	18	27	19	30	32½
Amstrad	200	19½	26	30	1	4½	7½
(*218)	220	6	14	18½	7	12½	15½
Barclays	650	34½	49½	61½	4½	17½	23½
(*677½)	700	7	23	35½	27½	42½	48
Blue Circ.	300	11	21½	27½	5½	13	17½
(*304)	330	1½	8½	14½	26½	30½	34½
Br Gas	280	21½	28	32½	1	3½	7
(*299½)	300	6½	14½	19½	6	10½	15½
Dixons	240	12	18	23	2½	9	12
(*249)	260	2½	8	13½	13	20	22½
Forte	240	5	14	18½	5	9	12
(*240½)	260	0	5½	10	19½	21½	23½
Tarmac	120	7½	14½	17½	2½	6½	8½
(*125)	130	2½	9½	13	7½	11½	14
Hillsdwn.	180	6½	13	17	2½	5	8
(*184)	200	0	4	8	16	17	19½
Lonrho	140	18½	20½	24	0	1½	3½
(*157½)	160	3½	7½	12	5	9	11½
Sears	100	9½	12½	14	0	1½	2
(*109)	110	2½	6	8	3	5	6
Thrn Eml	1200	48½	70	84	6	29½	40½
(*1237½)	1250	17	41	58	23½	55½	66
Tomkins	240	10½	15½	21	3	10½	12½
(*246)	260	2	6½	12	15	22	24
TSB	240	15½	21	27	2	7½	11
(*252)	260	4½	10½	17	11	18	21
Wellcome	1000	68½	73½	—	0	1	—
(*1068)	1050	19	29½	—	1	10	—
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	43	56½	66	8½	26	32
(*727½)	750	15½	29½	40½	31½	52	58
HSBC	800	45½	67½	87½	21	39	49½
(*818½)	850	21½	43½	63	48	65	75
Reuter	460	30½	42	53½	7	13½	19
(*480½)	500	10	21½	33	26½	33	38½
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins.	300	33½	39½	46½	3½	8½	12
(*328½)	330	13½	21½	29½	13	20½	25
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	19	25	29½	0½	4	6½
(*178)	180	5	13	18½	6	11½	15
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	650	29½	46½	55½	35	45	52½
(*653)	700	11½	27½	36	70	77½	83½
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	14½	21½	30½	11½	18½	22½
(*468)	500	1½	7	14½	44	46½	48½
Scot Pwr	330	11	17½	24	5	15½	19
(*335)	360	1	5½	12	25½	35½	38

May 25, 1995 Tot: 35152 Call: 21011 Put: 14141 FT-SE Call: 4481 Put: 6795
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3346.0	3374.0	3332.0	3336.0	12990
Previous open interest: 76932	Sep 95	3367.0	3392.0	3359.0	3358.0	1837
FT-SE 250	Jun 95				3665.0	0
Previous open interest: 4021	Sep 95				3689.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	93.29	93.32	93.24	93.26	12359
Previous open interest: 413654	Sep 95	93.04	93.07	92.97	92.98	24370
	Dec 95	92.79	92.84	92.74	92.74	11749
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.95	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				94.16	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.54	95.56	95.51	95.53	12085
Previous open interest: 660992	Sep 95	95.54	95.58	95.51	95.56	17918
Long Gilt	Jun 95	108-05	108-15	107-16	107-27	81545
Previous open interest: 110618	Sep 95	107-26	108-01	107-03	107-13	23489
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	119.63	119.96	119.55	119.78	590
	Sep 95	118.49	119.00	118.48	118.80	5023
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	95.10*	95.60	95.10	95.21	100840
Previous open interest: 193585	Sep 95	94.58	95.08	94.58	94.68	12105
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.81	93.83	93.79	93.81	646
Previous open interest: 20285	Sep 95	93.83	93.83	93.80	93.82	662
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.66	96.70	96.66	96.70	1521
Previous open interest: 39569	Sep 95	96.65	96.70	96.65	96.67	2543
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	101.15	101.48	100.08	100.12	39493
Previous open interest: 44238	Sep 95	100.55	100.94	99.70	99.69	1923

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 7 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis)-Buy: 2 mth 6⁷⁄₁₆; 3 mth 6⅜. Sell: 2 mth 6⁵⁄₁₆; 3 mth: 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	n/a	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6¼	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	7⅛-7¹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⅝-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛-7¹⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¾, close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¼	n/a	6⁷⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6¾-6⅝	7-6¾
Dollar CDs:	6.05	n/a	6.03	6.03	6.03
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6¼	6¼-6⅛	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6¾-6⅝	7¹⁄₁₆-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4½-4¼	4⅝-4⁷⁄₁₆	4½-4⅜	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	5-4
French Franc:	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½	7-6¾	8½-6½
Swiss Franc:	3¼-3	3⅜-3¼	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⅞-2⅞
Yen:	1⅜-1¼	1¼-1⅛	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1¼	1¼-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.10-383.60 Close: $385.60-386.10 High: $385.80-386.30
Low: $383.10-383.60 AM: $383.75 PM: $385.80

Krugerrand: $386.25-388.25 (£241.00-243.00)

Platinum: $433.25 (£272.85) Silver: $5.56 (£3.465) Palladium: $160.75 (£101.25)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5142-2.5321	2.5154-2.5186	½-⅜pr	1½-1⅜pr
Brussels	46.25-46.91	46.25-46.37	8-3pr	20-13pr
Copenhagen	8.7800-8.8550	8.7950-8.8100	¼-⅝ds	¼-1⅛ds*
Dublin	0.9787-0.9911	0.9787-0.9824	1ds-2pr	par-4ds
Frankfurt	2.2468-2.2649	2.2492-2.2523	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	236.08-237.78	236.85-237.49	58-67ds	189-206ds
Madrid	194.70-195.84	195.53-195.81	47-56ds	149-165ds
Milan	2613.10-2640.60	2630.80-2640.60	8-11ds	24-28ds
Montreal	2.1546-2.1978	2.1947-2.1978	0.18-0.26ds	0.31-0.43ds
New York	1.5780-1.6042	1.6032-1.6042	0.04-0.02pr	0.17-0.13pr
Oslo	9.9900-10.0730	10.0180-10.0340	⅛-¼pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Paris	7.9690-8.0410	7.9690-7.9830	⅛-1⅛ds	2⅛-2⅝ds
Stockholm	11.6090-11.6610	11.6090-11.6340	2-2⅝ds	6⅝-7⅝ds
Tokyo	135.91-136.49	136.23-136.49	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	15.71-16.54	15.82-15.87	2⅛-1⅝pr	8⅛-6⅝pr
Zurich	1.8601-1.8807	1.8638-1.8667	½-⅜pr	1½-1⅜pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3908-1.3927
Austria	10.07-10.08
Belgium (Com)	29.24-29.25
Canada	1.3683-1.3688
Denmark	5.4829-5.4849
France	4.9800-4.9810
Germany	1.4005-1.4015
Hong Kong	7.7348-7.7353
Ireland	1.6279-1.6289
Italy	1638.00-1640.00
Japan	85.00-85.05
Malaysia	2.4575-2.4585
Netherlands	1.5760-1.5770
Norway	6.2378-6.2398
Portugal	147.35-147.45
Singapore	1.3895-1.3905
Spain	121.47-121.62
Sweden	7.2603-7.3078
Switzerland	1.1600-1.1610

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6015-1.6042
Australia dollar	2.2292-2.2314
Bahrain dinar	0.589-0.601
Brazil real*	1.4269-1.4311
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.705-0.715
Finland markka	6.850-6.966
Greece drachma	363.00-370.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.3873-12.3920
India rupee	49.08-50.04
Indonesia rupiah	3481.00-3549.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.465-0.475
Malaysia ringgit	3.9357-3.9385
New Zealand dollar	2.4115-2.4148
Pakistan rupee	49.38 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.855-5.981
Singapore dollar	2.2254-2.2277
S Africa rand (com)	5.787-5.889
U A E dirham	5.735-5.859

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,100	Legal & Gn	1,800
ASDA Gp	10,000	Lloyds Bk	1,400
Abbey Natl	1,900	MEPC	1,900
Alld Dom	834	Marks Spr	4,500
Argyll Gp	8,100	NatWst Bk	4,500
Arjo Wiggn	3,400	Nat Power	2,400
AB Foods	189	Nth Wst W	2,200
BAA	1,500	P & O	2,100
BAT Inds	4,000	Pearson	1,900
BOC	943	PowerGen	1,500
BP	10,000	Prudential	2,600
BTR	6,500	RMC	440
BT	7,000	RTZ	1,900
Bk of Scot	2,300	Rank Org	1,700
Barclays	6,500	Reckitt Col	130
Bass	1,300	Redland	1,800
Blue Circle	1,700	Reed Intl	981
Boots	2,700	Rentokil	736
Bowater	2,400	Reuters	2,700
Brit Aero	1,000	Rolls Royce	5,700
Brit Airwys	3,300	Ryl Ins	1,900
Brit Gas	9,000	Ryl Bk Scot	5,300
Brit Steel	5,500	Sainsbury	3,600
Burmah Cstl	447	Schroders	54
Cable Wire	5,900	Scot & New	2,000
Cadbury	3,200	Scot Power	1,200
Caradon	2,300	Sears	1,000
Carlton Cms	1,400	Svrn Trent	2,100
Cm Union	1,200	Shell Trans	2,600
Courtaulds	1,300	Siebe	536
De La Rue	1,000	SmKl Bch	4,300
Eastern Elec	902	Smith Nph	1,300
Enterpr Oil	839	Sthern Elec	169
Forte	7,200	Std Chartd	8,200
GKN	1,100	Sun Allnce	1,800
GRE	4,300	TI Gp	795
GUS	1,300	TSB	4,200
Gen Acc	1,800	Tate & Lyle	634
Gen Elec	2,400	Tesco	7,400
Glaxo Well	10,000	Thames W	1,000
Granada	675	Thrn EMI	1,500
Grand Met	5,700	Tomkins	2,200
Guinness	2,200	Unilever	1,400
HSBC	2,600	Utd Bisc	1,100
Hanson	8,100	Vodafone	8,700
ICI	1,900	Warburg	359
Inchcape	1,700	Whitbread	1,500
Kingfisher	1,700	Wlms Hld	6,700
Ladbroke	2,500	Wolseley	5,700
Land Secs	1,700	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	May 25 midday	May 24 close
AMP Inc	42	42
AMR Corp	67	68
AT & T	49	49
Abbott Labs	38	38
Advanced Micro	33	34
Aetna Life	60	60
Ahmanson (HF)	22	23
Air Prod & Chem	51	51
Alberson's	29	29
Alcan Alumnm	29	29
Alco Standard	71	72
Allied Signal	40	41
Alum Co of Am	47	48
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	51	51
Amer Brands	40	40
Amer El Power	33	32
Amer Express	35	35
Amer Genl Corp	33	33
Amer Home Pr	76	76
Amer Intl	115	116
Amer Stores	25	26
Ameritech	43	43
Amoco	67	67
Anheuser-Busch	58	58
Apple Computer	43	43
Archer Daniels	18	18
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	51	50
Asarco	28	27
Ashland Oil	36	37
Atl Richfield	114	114
Auto Data Pro	61	60
Avery Dennison	41	42
Avon Products	64	65
Baker Hughes	23	23
Baltim Gas & El	25	24
Banc One	33	34
BankAmerica	50	51
Bank of NY	40	41
Bankers Tr NY	61	61
Barnett Banks	48	49
Bausch & Lomb	40	40
Baxter Intl	34	34
Bectn Dicknsn	58	58
Bell Atlantic	52	53
Bell Industries	20	20
BellSouth	59	59
Black & Decker	31	31
Block (H&R)	36	36
Boeing	56	57
Boise Cascade	33	35
Bristol Myrs Sq	65	65
Browning Ferris	36	36
Brunswick	18	19
Burlington Nthn	59	59
CBS	65	64
CNA Financial	84	84
CPC Intl	58	58
CSX	74	75
Campbell Soup	47	47
Can Pacific	17	17
Cpd Cities ABC	94	94
Carolina Pwr	28	28
Caterpillar	59	60
Central & SW	25	24
Champion Intl	46	47
Chase Manhat	47	47
Chemical Bk	46	46
Chevron Corp	48	48
Chrysler	41	42
Chubb Corp	82	83
Cigna Corp	74	74
Citicorp	52	52
Clorox	58	58
Coastal Corp	31	31
Coca Cola	59	59
Colgate-Palmolive	73	73
Columbia Gas	29	30
Compaq Comp	40	41
Comp Ass Intl	67	65
Conagra	32	32
Conrail	53	54
Cons Edison	28	28
Cons Nat Gas	39	39
Cooper Inds	38	38
Corning Inc	32	32
Crown Cork	46	47
Dana Corp	27	27
Dayton Hudson	69	69
Deere	86	86
Delta Air Lines	64	64
Deluxe Corp	31	31
Detroit Edison	29	28
Digital Equip	46	47
Dillard Dept St	27	27
Disney (Walt)	55	55
Dominion Res	36	37
Donelley (RR)	35	36
Dover Corp	66	66
Dow Chemical	73	73
Dow Jones	35	35
Dresser	22	23
Duke Power	40	40
Dun & Bradstreet	53	54
Du Pont	67	68
Eastman Kodak	60	61
Eaton Corp	59	58
Emerson Elec	67	67
Engelhard Corp	42	42

	May 25 midday	May 24 close
Enron Corp	36	36
Entergy	23	22
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	71	71
FMC Corp	64	64
FPL Group	38	37
Federal Express	60	60
Fed Nat Mtge	92	93
First Chicago	58	58
First Interstate	83	84
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	34	34
Fluor Corp	51	52
Ford Motor	28	28
GTE Corp	32	32
Gannett	52	52
Gap Inc Del	33	34
Gen Dynamics	43	43
Gen Electric	56	57
Gen Mills	60	60
Gen Motors	45	46
Gen Reinsurance	133	135
Gen Signal	36	36
Genuine Parts	38	38
Georgia Pac	77	79
Gillette	83	84
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23	22
Goodrich (BF)	48	48
Goodyear Tire	40	41
Grace (W&R)	63	62
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	21	21
Halliburton	38	39
Harcourt General	40	40
Heinz (HJ)	44	44
Hercules	52	52
Hershey Foods	50	50
Hewlett Packard	69	70
Hilton Hotels	67	68
Home Depot	41	41
Homestake Mng	16	16
Honeywell	39	39
Household Intl	48	48
Houston Inds	41	40
Humana	21	21
ITT Corp	110	111
Illinois Tool	50	50
Illinova	24	23
INCO	26	26
Ingersoll Rand	38	38
Inland Steel	27	28
Intel Corp	116	116
IBM	96	96
Intl Flav & Fr	46	47
Intl Paper	78	80
James River Va	25	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	65	65
Kellogg	65	65
Kerr-McGee	55	54
Kimberly-Clark	58	59
Kmart	12	12
Knight-Ridder	53	54
Lilly (Eli)	73	73
Limited Inc	22	22
LIN Brdcstng	124	124
Lincoln Nat	44	44
Litton	36	36
Liz Claiborne	18	18
Lockheed Martin	59	59
Louisiana Pac	22	26
MCI Comm	20	20
Marriott Int	35	35
Marsh & McLnn	78	78
Masco Corp	28	28
May Dept St	39	38
Maytag Corp	15	15
McDonalds	36	36
McDonnell D	71	72
McGraw Hill	73	73
Mead Corp	53	54
Medtronic	76	76
Mellon Bk	43	43
Melville Corp	38	39
Merck Inc	45	44
Merrill Lynch	46	47
Minnesota Mine	58	59
Mobil Corp	99	99
Monsanto	81	81
Morgan (JP)	68	69
Motorola Inc	61	62
Natl Semi	28	26
Natl Service Ind	28	28
Navistar Int	15	15
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	42	42
Niag Mohawk	14	14
Nike B	77	78
NL Industries	15	14
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	39	39
Norfolk Sthrn	64	65
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	27	28
Nynex Corp	40	40
Occidental Pet	23	23
Ohio Edison	21	20
Oracle Systems	36	37
Oryx Energy Co	14	14
Owens Corning	36	36

	May 25 midday	May 24 close
PPG Industries	39	40
PNC Bank	26	27
Paccar Inc	46	46
Pacificorp	19	18
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	28	27
Pac Telesis	25	26
Pall Corp	22	22
Panhandle East	24	24
Parker Hannifin	53	53
Peco Energy	27	26
Penney (JC)	44	45
Pennzoil	49	49
Pepsico	46	47
Pfizer	87	85
Phelps Dodge	55	56
Philip Morris	71	71
Phillips Pet	36	37
Pitney Bowes	37	36
Polaroid	37	37
PriceCostco	13	13
Procter & Gmbl	69	69
Providian	35	35
Pub Serv E & G	29	28
Quaker Oats	34	34
Ralston Purina	48	48
Raychem Corp	35	35
Raytheon	76	76
Reebok Intl	32	33
Reynolds Metals	49	50
Roadway Srvcs	44	44
Rockwell Intl	45	45
Rohm & Haas	59	59
Royal Dutch	124	124
Rubbermaid	29	29
SBC Comms	43	43
Safeco Corp	57	57
St Paul's Cos	49	49
Salomon Inc	41	41
Santa Fe Pac	23	12
Sara Lee Corp	26	26
Scecorp	17	16
Schering Plough	77	77
Schlumberger	65	64
Scott Paper	43	44
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	58	57
Shell Trans	74	73
Sherwin Wlms	36	36
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	36	36
Southern Co	21	20
Sprint Corp	32	32
Stanley Works	39	40
Sun Company	32	32
Sun Microsys	47	49
Suntrust	57	57
Supervalu	27	28
Sysco Corp	27	28
TRW Inc	75	77
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	13	14
Tandy Corp	47	47
Teledyne	24	24
Temple Inland	43	45
Tenet Healthcare	16	16
Tenneco	47	47
Texaco	68	68
Texas Inst	123	125
Texas Utilities	34	33
Textron	58	58
Time Warner	38	39
Times-Mirror A	23	23
Timken	43	43
Torchmark	39	39
Toys R Us	26	25
Transamerica	57	57
Travelers	41	42
Tribune	59	59
Tyco Labs	53	53
UST Inc	29	28
UAL	115	118
USX Marathon	19	19
Unicom	27	26
Unilever NV	125	123
Union Camp	52	53
Union Carbide	29	30
Union Pacific	53	54
Unisys Corp	10	10
USAir Group	8	9
USF&G Corp	16	16
US Life	39	39
US West	39	39
United Tech	74	74
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	36	35
VF Corp	51	51
WMX Tech	27	28
Wal-Mart Stores	23	23
Warner-Lambert	80	80
Wells Fargo	178	177
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	43	44
Whirlpool	55	56
Whitman	18	17
Winn Dixie	55	55
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	46
Xerox	117	119
Yellow Corp	19	19

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Bad eggs in the City

YESTERDAY will go down in City folk lore as the day the Gulls took their revenge. The great and the good had gathered at the Skinners' Hall in their hundreds for a highlight of the City Season — the annual Gulls' Eggs City Luncheon. "It's like something out of *Brideshead*," somebody remarked, adding, "Of course, one only eats gulls eggs until Ascot." The guests included Cazenove, Credit Suisse Asset Management, Schroders and De Beers — plus a Field Marshal, a Marchioness, a Major General and a fair sprinkling of Lords. Gulls eggs are an acquired taste, and at Savoy Grill they cost £3 each. The eggs arrived safely enough, were hard boiled and the celery salt was at the ready. Then disaster struck. Every single gulls egg was found to be bad! But the City didn't let the gulls get away with it. After a quick shopping trip, 50 dozen quails eggs were served and the event, sponsored by Baines Gwinner, raised £30,000 for that worthy charity, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

THERE are Lloyd's names, and there are names. Offering, in interior layout speak, to make "your wildest dreams come true", is The Reckless Design Company of Worthing, run by one James Reckless.

Home fixture

THE world's richest man, the Sultan of Brunei, has bought New Zealand's most expensive house. The price tag on Waimanu, a mansion in the Auckland suburb of Herne Bay, was £2.93 million. But the cash doesn't go to a New Zealander. The house was sold by Scottish millionaire David Murray, owner of Glasgow Rangers Football Club.



"Here — run me off a few copies of this"

Happy hours

AN INSIDER'S view of Scotch whisky investment is offered tomorrow by 38 distilleries who are to open their doors to the public. They will be unravelling some of the mysteries and myths of their craft, with many giving tutored whisky tastings. Speyside Cooperage at Craigellachie is giving the opportunity to be a cooper for an hour. Fund managers may enjoy entering a bonded warehouse, not usually permitted. For those who like a bargain, several are giving a 10 ten per cent discount, including Blair Athol, Cardhu, Glenkinchie, Lagavulin, and Talisker.

The last word

THE winner of Allied Domecq's competition to find F words for its Firkin pub chain and submitted via the *City Diary* is Alan Livesey, computer audit manager at Binder Hamlyn, the chartered accountants. His entry "Flyover & Firkin in Hammersmith" wins him six bottles of Beefeater gin and six bottles of Ballantine's Finest whisky. There were numerous entries, for which Allied Domecq says "fanx". A bottle of Ballantine's Finest is also on its way to every entrant in the next week or so.

COLIN CAMPBELL





War of words: in a letter to the chairman of the CML, Peter Lilley, left, claims that Adrian Coles "distorted" the facts about income support

Lilley finds little support for his attack on the home front

Mortgage lenders side with the CML in battle with minister, writes **Robert Miller**

There are few worse industry figures who Peter Lilley could have chosen to publicly attack than the mild-mannered Adrian Coles, Director-General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML). Mr Lilley, Social Security Secretary, has been stung by the almost universal criticism levelled at his plans to introduce drastic cuts in the level of income support payments for homeowners who are made redundant or become too ill to work and has launched a furious attack on Mr Coles. The attack was contained in a letter of complaint from Mr Lilley to Christopher Sharp, chairman of the CML.

Mr Lilley released the text of his letter on Wednesday in spite of an informal agreement made the day before between the CML and officials of the Department of Social Security that neither side would make any public comment before their scheduled meeting yesterday. Mr Lilley's letter was faxed to the CML without any covering note of explanation. Nor was the CML informed until much later in the day that the minister's letter had also been passed on to selected newspapers.

Mr Coles' crime, in the minister's eyes, appears to have been to reflect the concerns of his members, who represent the £350 billion mortgage industry. Specifically, Mr Coles has been trying to point out to Mr Lilley, and the Government in general, the potentially dire consequences that the cuts in income support will have on an already fragile housing market. The CML is convinced that private-sector mortgage protection policies will not provide a sufficient safety net for homeowners who are made redundant or who are too ill to work; repossessions will inevitably rise above the current 1,000 or so a week.

From October, new borrowers, including those who re-mortgage their properties, will have to wait up to nine months for any state help in meeting monthly mortgage repayments. Mr Lilley insists that mortgage protection policies will fill the gap.

What appears to have particularly irked the minister is the use the CML has made of an independent survey, published by the Department of the Environment last week. The Housing Research Report, compiled for the DoE by the University of Loughborough and Policy Studies Institute, concluded that up to 50 per cent of Britain's ten million homeowners would not be covered by mortgage protection policies. Furthermore, the survey said, even those who have taken out such cover "fewer than one in ten borrowers in arrears or possession would succeed in claiming". Using the DoE evidence, Mr Coles pre-recorded an interview for Radio 4's PM programme on Thursday last week. In that interview he said that mortgage protection policies sold by insurance companies to home buyers were not really worth a great deal and that they were very difficult to claim against because there are a number of exclusion clauses. Responding live on the same programme, Mr Lilley said of Mr Coles and CML members: "It is his members who have been selling these policies. If he thinks they are worthless, as he is pretending, presumably they will be handing back the fat commissions they have taken."

> "The Government is pulling the rug from under us"

In his letter to Mr Sharp this week the minister refers back to the Radio 4 interview and asks: "Could you confirm that Mr Coles ill-judged remarks were not correct? I appreciate that Mr Coles intended to discredit the Government proposals, but, as so often when people resort to distortions, he has simply succeeded in discrediting himself, and blackening the previously high reputation of the building society movement." In his reply to Mr Lilley yesterday Mr Sharp, who is also chief executive of Northern Rock Building Society, gave unequivocal support to the CML's Director-General. He even waded into the minister with fresh evidence. As well as using the DoE report to support his argument against the Government's proposed income support, Mr Sharp produced new data from the Association of British Insurers (ABI). Quoting from the ABI's *Risk, Insurance and Welfare* report, Mr Sharp said: "Firstly, the researchers state the conditions for a risk to become insurable. They conclude: "Few of these conditions ever hold with respect to unemployment." In examining current insurance policies available, the view of researchers is: "There are severe limitations on the cover that is commercially available at affordable cost. . .The net result is to exclude many of those whose circumstances result from the trend towards a more flexible labour market. . .for those most at risk the cost of private insurance to provide a secure income during unemployment continues to be prohibitive." It adds: "Some families will stand to gain little or no financial benefit from their private insurance premiums."

Mr Sharp concluded his letter to Mr Lilley by saying that he was unable to confirm to the minister that Mr Coles's remarks were "not correct. Rather, the CML Director-General has my full support in drawing attention to the severe disadvantages of the Government's policy on income support for mortgage interest".

There has been enormous support for Mr Coles personally and for the CML's line from its members. The Halifax Building Society, Britain's biggest lender with 1.8 million borrowers, said: "Adrian Coles is spelling out the position of lenders in general and it seems a great pity that such an important issue is being marred by personal attacks. Our concern is that the Government has changed its policy in the belief that the private sector will fill the gap without the knowledge that it in fact will do so. Our grave worry is that time available before October when the income support cuts take effect is so short that the range and depth of policies that is required for the situation will not be available."

The Woolwich, the third largest building society, said: "A system which results in an accumulation of nine months worth of arrears before any benefit is paid is bound to cause serious arrears. Ultimately, repossessions will rise. It appears the Government is pulling the rug from under our feet."

Nick Raynsford, the shadow housing minister, said that by releasing his letter Mr Lilley had broken the code of political conscensus agreed by all parties to mark the death of former Prime Minister Harold Wilson on Wednesday. He added: "Peter Lilley appears to have ignored the cross-party agreement to mark the death of Lord Wilson and instead chosen to make a highly personalised attack on the much-respected Adrian Coles."

With the Government working on an increasingly narrow majority, mortgage lenders will find it hard to force a U-turn in the DSS policy on income support cuts. But if Mr Lilley persists in personalising his attacks on Mr Coles he could find that he is forced into making concessions. That at least will provide a crumb of comfort for millions of beleaguered homeowners.

Sweet turns into sour for Li Ka-shing

A billionaire tycoon's connections backfire in China. **Michael Steinberger** reports

When Li Ka-shing began to pour money into China three years ago, the Hong Kong billionaire knew that deep pockets alone would not guarantee a fat return on his investment.

Political clout was the key to doing business in the world's foremost emerging market, and Mr Li quickly came to enjoy unparalleled access to the inner circle of Deng Xiaoping. But now, with the 90-year-old Chinese leader close to death and a succession struggle underway, Mr Li's connections have become liabilities, jeopardising his most ambitious project in China.

Mr Li, 67, presides over an empire. Cheung Kong, his flagship company, is principally involved in property development and accounts for more than 10 per cent of the Hong Kong stock market's capitalisation. He also controls Hutchison Whampoa, one of Hong Kong's oldest and most diversified trading houses, with interests in real estate, telecommunications and container terminals.

> "Did Mr Li cover all his bases? I don't think that he did."

Both companies are spearheading Mr Li's push into China, but the true driving force behind his efforts there has been the ability to curry favour with the country's regime. He has donated more than $125 million of his $6 billion fortune to help China meet its health and education needs. He has also backed the mainland Government in its bitter dispute with Chris Patten, Hong Kong's Governor, over changes to the colony's electoral system.

However, his most blatant attempt to win friends in Peking has been to form partnerships with some of the so-called "princelings," Chinese businessmen whose fathers are members of Mr Deng's ruling clique. Mr Li formed an especially good relationship with Zhou Beifang, the son of Zhou Guanwu, a lifelong crony of Mr Deng's and the former head of Shougang, China's third-largest steelmaker.

Mr Li helped Shougang obtain a listing on the Hong Kong bourse in 1992, and Cheung Kong took a 12 per cent stake in the firm. For his part, Zhou Beifang introduced the Hong Kong tycoon to Deng Zhifang, Deng Xiaoping's son, and the three teamed up to establish Shougang Concord, a property development company.

Mr Li's connections paid handsome dividends at first. Cheung Kong and Hutchison entered into a number of lucrative ventures. The ties that Mr Li established with Peking's municipal government were particularly useful. He heads a consortium that is building a $1.2 billion retail and office complex, Oriental Plaza, in the Chinese capital. Last November in an effort to accommodate Mr Li's 108,000 square-metre project, city officials ordered the closure of a 700-seat McDonald's — cancelling a 20-year lease — because the outlet occupied a site that was to be used for the development. But the preferential treatment accorded Mr Li has now placed Oriental Plaza at the centre of a scandal that is closely connected to the political struggle unfolding in Peking. Late last year work was halted on the project amid allegations of misconduct by city officials. It now appears that Jiang Zemin, Mr Deng's heir-apparent, is using the probe to conduct a purge of the municipal government, which is seen as a hotbed of opposition to his leadership.

So far, three officials have been charged with providing misleading information about the size of Oriental Plaza, and two others linked to the case, including a vice-mayor of Peking, have committed suicide. Although Mr Li has not been accused of any wrongdoing, he has been told that the Oriental Plaza violates zoning regulations. He has also been instructed to reduce Cheung Kong's 41.4 per cent stake in the project, which remains stalled.

Oriental Plaza is not Mr Li's only concern at the moment. An anti-corruption campaign, launched by Mr Jiang, led to the arrest in mid-February of Zhou Beifang. The arrest left Mr Li badly shaken.

As one political analyst says: "In China, there is no one crowd that can guarantee your success. The question has to be asked: Did Mr Li cover all his bases? I don't think that he did."

Roger Freeman answers critics of MoD procurement policy

Getting value for money in defence

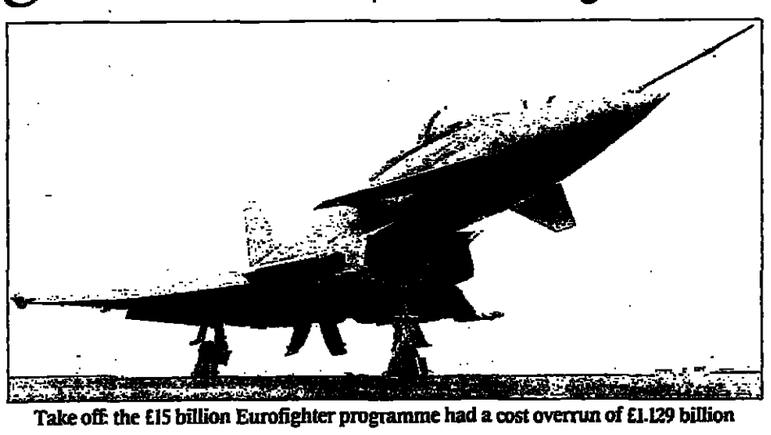
On Wednesday the National Audit Office published its *1994 Major Projects Report*. In *The Times*, of that day, "Forces compromised by MoD failings", you attribute to the NAO a statement, which says: "A catalogue of incompetence and error by the Ministry of Defence has jeopardised Britain's capacity to defend itself".

However, the NAO found that overall, the 25 projects studied were likely to cost £1.68 billion less than originally forecast, but that if Eurofighter 2000 and Trident, the biggest two projects, were excluded, there was a net forecast increase of £645 million. Much of this increase was due to over-optimistic initial cost estimates, (made before the department introduced a more sophisticated costing system) and much to the higher rates of inflation in defence during the period than in the economy as a whole.

The management of defence equipment projects lies at the heart of our procurement business. The most challenging projects are unlike almost anything found in the civil sector. The sheer scale, £15 billion on Eurofighter and £11.6 billion on the Trident programme; the imperative to achieve a technological edge; the unparalleled range of harsh environments in which we expect our equipment to operate; the many potential military threats to it; and the life or death importance of reliability and robustness, combine to create projects of formidable technological complexity and to stretch development timescales over many years.

The NAO report needs to be seen in the wider context of the improvement of defence procurement over the past decade. Many of the projects covered by the *1994 Major Projects Report* were first approved in the early 1980s, or earlier, with estimates and contractual arrangements that predate many of the reforms that have transformed defence procurement over the past decade. It is just not possible, or sensible, to start again with a blank piece of paper. We do not continue with any project unless it represents good value for money.

The ministry has adopted sophisticated risk-assessment and management techniques sometimes before the private sector. We have already gained improved reliability and maintainability by the use of specialist managers and taut contractual conditions and expect substantial savings over the lifetime of new equipments. For example, the tough reliability and maintainability provisions for the Challenger 2 mean that 259 of these tanks would provide more capability than more than 400 Challenger 1s, saving £40 million per year on operating costs. More generally, in concert with industry, we have thoroughly overhauled our contract procedures, reducing the burden on the ministry and industry.



Take off: the £15 billion Eurofighter programme had a cost overrun of £1.129 billion

It is not just a matter of procurement and contracting methods. We need the right people too. Where necessary, we strengthen our project teams with an infusion of technical expertise from industry. Our management organisation and processes are designed to achieve the closest liaison and understanding between those who procure equipment, those who will maintain and support it and, most importantly, those who will actually use it.

The MoD has a very good story to tell if one gets beneath the headlines. On Eurofighter, for example, the largest reported "cost overrun" of £1.129 billion against the estimate of the original project cost, £232 million is attributed to internal changes in MoD accounting rules which do not increase what is actually spent. The balance includes increases due to German withdrawal from certain equipment and additional tasks and integration of new weapons not specified in the original contract.

Looking towards the changing industrial landscape, we are shifting the emphasis in our approach to Britain's defence industry. Value for money through competition and open procurement will remain our aim. But we must build on the many channels of communication we have with industry and share more of our forward thinking. We must continue to take account of the consequences of procurement decisions for the defence industry. Work is already in hand to examine systematically the technologies and industrial capabilities that we need to sustain. And we must ensure sufficient resources continue to be put into the research and development of battle-winning technologies. Nor must we neglect the potential for civil sector cross fertilisation. Our creation of six dual-use technology centres is a good example of defence and civil research working together for the common good.

Throughout this process of development the aim of defence procurement has remained constant — to deliver the best possible value for money to the armed forces and the taxpayer. The way we seek to achieve this has remained anything but static. This process of evolution and adaption to new circumstances must and will continue. But the results will not come overnight. I nevertheless take some satisfaction from the National Audit Office's 1994 comparative judgment of the MoD against other defence ministries.

"From a review of procurement practices adopted by 11 other countries, the National Audit Office concluded that ... the department was performing well. Furthermore .... there was little of significance to learn from other countries which would be of benefit to the department."

"The department's capital works management systems are essentially sound and compare well with defence organisations overseas and with some UK companies." No reason for complacency, but some cause to believe the recent reforms have pushed us in the right direction.

☐ *Roger Freeman is Minister for Defence Procurement*

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Groland Extra Bal	115.50	119.70		3.14
Groland Gilt	75.59	77.92	..	5.36
Groland Japan	151.00	159.80		..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	565.90	602.10	-7.60	2.76
General Inc	493.50	525.00	-6.80	2.76
UK Growth Acc	382.20	406.70†	+5.40	2.87
UK Growth Inc	258.10	274.60†	+3.70	2.87
Higher Inc Acc	708.10	753.40†	+11.00	3.98
Higher Inc Inc	402.30	428.00†	+6.30	3.98
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	194.40	205.30	+1.70	5.69
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	91.74	96.90	-0.81	5.69
Nth America	282.00	300.10†	-0.60	
Europe	288.40	306.90	+2.30	0.84
Brit Excell	78.08	80.95†	+1.10	2.98
Brit Fedrtn Acc	106.40	113.20	+1.30	4.86
Brit Fedrtn Inc	76.22	81.09	+0.88	4.66
Global Opps	87.73	93.33†	+0.25	0.42
Balanced Acc	56.36	59.56†	+0.58	2.98
Balanced Inc	54.80	58.09†	+0.57	2.98
Japan Acc	44.26	47.11	-0.15	..
Pac Basin Acc	372.50	396.30	-0.30	0.80
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	131.70	139.70	+1.60	7.16
High Inc Equity	165.50	177.00†	+1.30	4.45
Worldwide Bond	282.30	298.50†	+0.20	4.34
Capital Growth				
American Growth	293.70	314.50	-2.09	.82
Asian Pacific	316.10	336.30	+0.50	
Assets & Earnings	270.60	287.90†	+2.30	2.73
Commdty & Energy	95.02	101.60	-0.30	.13
Euro Capital Inc	139.90	149.60†	+0.90	.66
(Accum Units)	150.20	160.60	+0.80	.64
General	242.60	258.10	+1.90	2.11
Japan	112.80	120.60	-1.00	
Masterlines	143.10	153.00	-0.40	1.76
UK Growth Dist	119.30	127.60†	-0.20	3.02
US Emerging Cos	135.40	144.00	-1.80	
Income & Growth	396.20	421.50†	+3.70	2.97
Ethical	69.27	73.69	+0.44	2.62
International	113.90	121.20	-0.30	.87
Dividend & Growth	62.47	66.46	+0.57	4.29
Global Gwth & Sec	67.83	72.39	+0.09	2.69
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£18.04	£18.40	+15.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	47.41	49.23†	-0.15	0.62
Cash	50.49	50.49	+0.01	5.79
Emerging Mkts	69.35	73.27	+0.06	0.05
European	116.70	122.00	+1.00	
Exempt	983.50	£10.52†	+1.30	1.77
Extra Income	46.99	50.07	+0.63	6.02
Far East Emg Eco	118.40	125.30	+0.30	0.50
Fixed Interest	22.48	23.60†	+0.09	8.76
Fund Inv Tst	165.60	174.20†	-2.00	0.93
Japan	174.80	183.60	-0.20	..
Latin American	52.38	54.98	-0.14	0.89
Pacific	75.71	79.81†	+0.29	0.33
Property Share	82.44	85.95	+0.90	2.02
UK Emerging Cos	62.95	66.08	+0.14	1.87
UK Growth	45.22	47.92†	+0.53	2.45
Abtr World Port	73.81	75.09†	+0.62	2.18
Ethical	64.26	67.45	+0.91	2.61
Aberdeen Gth Inc	50.27	50.27	-0.21	7.47
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth				
British Income				
Select Portfolio	87.18	92.74†	-0.34	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	75.58	80.19	-0.61	2.54
Income Builder Inc	71.19	75.73	-0.91	2.92
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	238.80	256.20†	+0.70	3.06
Capital	419.70	448.60†	-2.30	1.84
Balanced	706.00	754.70†	-2.70	2.64
Accumulator	£13.08	£13.98	-6.00	2.90
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.42	52.83	-0.86	3.37
High Income	402.30	435.40	+1.60	3.55
Equity Income	229.70	245.50	-1.00	3.39
High Yield	244.10	260.90†	-1.50	3.33
Govt Securities	33.71	35.59†	-0.12	5.96
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	155.50	166.30	-3.20	0.42
European Growth	38.11	38.49	+0.27	0.01
International	158.60	169.50†	-1.40	0.19
Japan	181.10	192.60†	+0.20	0.01
Pacific	374.10	399.90	-1.50	0.01
Secs of America	445.60	474.00	-10.00	0.49
Wrlwde Asset Val	48.03	51.34	-0.23	0.23
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	538.00	575.10†	+2.20	2.22
Conv & Gilt	43.39	46.38	+0.23	5.00
Smaller Cos	170.60	182.90	-0.10	1.22
2nd Smaller Cos	161.30	172.40		1.41
Recovery	140.70	150.40†	-0.60	1.74
Met Min & Cmdty	150.30	160.60†	-1.90	0.74
Oseas Earnings	360.30	385.10†	+0.40	1.75
Technology	172.90	184.80	-3.50	0.01
UK Special Sits	477.30	510.20	+2.50	1.70
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Charcoal Oaf Pens	102.70	106.60		3.04
Foundtn Pensl Perc	62.69	65.13	..	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	73.63	78.33	-0.88	2.07
International	63.92	68.00		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	265.30	285.30	+1.70	
Bond	116.40	122.50	+1.70	6.71
Brit Smlr Cos	101.60	108.10	+0.10	1.75
Conv & Gen	65.28	69.45†	+0.45	5.65
Europe	224.30	238.60	-2.00	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	99.52	105.60	+0.60	0.61
Income Gwth	343.60	365.50	+1.60	4.23
Japan	283.30	301.40	+0.70	.
Latin American	69.02	73.43	+0.40	
Pacific	109.20	116.20	+0.20	1.28
UK Smlr Cos	54.57	58.05	-0.12	1.34
Japan Fd	609.00	627.50	+1.10	
Mngd Fd	176.70	187.80†	+1.80	3.20
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	298.20	313.90		0.98
Capital Gwth	112.60	118.60		2.69
Wwide Opps	187.50	197.40	..	0.97
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bssl Inv Fd Inc	351.50	366.10†	+2.70	2.94
European Bd Inc	91.56	94.81	+0.46	7.18
Exempt	74.34	79.29†	-0.74	4.32
Financial	76.33	81.64†	-0.64	2.80
500	447.30	481.00	+1.90	2.61
General	277.80	297.40	-2.90	2.89
Property	246.10	267.40		6.50
Trustee	187.30	200.10	+1.50	2.44
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†		5.49
Extra Income	119.90	128.30†	-0.90	4.15
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.98	59.91†	+0.67	8.46
Income	531.70	568.70	+5.30	4.01
Income Builder	63.19	67.22	+0.57	4.75
Intl Income	63.43	67.47	-0.08	3.51
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	120.60	128.70	+1.20	2.57
Leisure	128.68	137.50	+0.90	1.48
Recovery	427.30	457.00	+3.30	2.84
Smlr Cos Inc	45.11	48.37	+0.08	2.31
Special Sits	288.20	308.30	+1.70	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.80	140.90†	-1.0	0.59
Aust Acc	234.30	249.20	-2.50	2.04
Aust Inc	144.10	153.30	-1.50	2.04
Euro Gwth Inc	154.80	164.30	+0.60	1.05
(Accum Units)	165.60	175.90	+0.80	1.05
Japan & Gen Inc	157.60	166.90		
(Accum Units)	159.40	168.80	-0.10	
Japan Spec Sits	71.86	76.12	-0.13	
Univ Tech Inc	80.93	86.01	-0.26	0.04
Worldwide	168.00	178.30	-0.10	0.94
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	96.93	102.70	-0.70	
Asian Smlr Cos	134.20	143.40	-1.70	
Convertibles	52.99	57.14	+0.40	5.70
Eastern	282.10	305.60	-0.30	0.30
Equity Income	84.87	91.20†	+1.09	4.90
European Growth	306.70	325.00†	+1.60	0.80
Europe	220.70	234.60	+1.10	0.20
German Growth	76.52	81.02	+0.33	0.50
Global Bond	64.29	67.65	+0.49	6.30
Global Growth	126.00	134.30	+0.10	
Japan Growth	174.00	184.90	-0.90	..
Japan Sunrise	140.70	149.10	-0.50	
Korea Trust	70.84	78.55	-0.49	
Portfolio	131.90	141.00	+1.20	2.10
(Accum Units)	242.40	259.50	-2.30	2.10
UK Growth	85.79	92.01	+0.86	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	81.41	88.61†	-0.20	1.80
Select Managers	76.01	81.47	+0.48	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	73.94	78.66		
Special Oppor Inc	56.62	60.23		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	109.18	115.54†	+0.90	1.87
(Accum Units)	123.86	131.07	+1.02	1.87
Smaller Cos	108.66	114.99†	+0.60	1.28
Higher Yield	45.97	48.65†	+0.43	4.60
American Gth Inc	74.08	78.39	-0.19	
European Growth	136.99	144.97	+0.15	0.28
(Accum Units)	139.69	147.82	+0.15	0.28
Global Bond Inc	26.51	27.47†	-0.19	8.98
Mngd Pfolio Inc	42.42	44.87	+0.19	1.54
(Accum Units)	43.24	45.74	+0.20	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	115.58	122.30	-0.07	
Pacific Grth	130.76	138.37	+2.77	
Formerly LAS				
UK General	77.35	81.86	+0.69	3.60
(Accum Units)	79.21	83.82	+0.71	3.60
Japan	54.74	57.93	-0.38	
Gilt & Fixed Int	97.19	100.72†	-1.13	7.88
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.36	65.18	+0.45	6.39
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Eastern	158.60	168.80	+0.70	1.72
UK Growth	172.90	184.00	+2.00	2.31
UK Income	134.00	142.60†	+1.20	4.38
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	191.70	203.20	+1.90	1.95
-do- Income Dist	109.00	115.50†	+1.30	4.33
(Accum Units)	336.00	356.20	+4.10	4.33
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.95	43.41	+0.48	6.27
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7432 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	162.20	172.60	-1.00	
European Inc	80.48	85.21	+0.66	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	82.25	87.51	-0.04	1.97
Growth	432.50	460.20	+5.00	2.20
Income & Growth	416.30	442.90	+5.60	3.80
(Accum Units)	594.10	632.10	+8.20	3.90
Japan & Gen	67.66	71.13	-0.46	
Master Portfolio	£102.08	£105.80†	+77.00	2.44
(Accum Units)	£122.43	£126.89	+92.00	2.44
Special Sits	99.84	106.22	-1.02	2.17
High Yield	£13.33	£12.75†	+18.00	4.41
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	85.62	91.37	+0.27	2.44
American Portfolio	94.29	100.57	-2.04	1.15
European Portfolio	98.98	105.41	+0.31	0.75
Japanese Portfolio	60.52	64.27	-0.22	
Pacific Portfolio	139.58	150.09	+0.10	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	77.15	82.72	+0.38	3.29
Utility & Bond	54.58	55.23	-0.54	7.12
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	664.60	667.10	..	4.68
Fxd In Sec	147.90	148.00	..	8.73
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	85.31	89.47	+0.82	2.86
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	654.70	663.17		4.72
Accum	£28.00	£28.34		
Fixed Int Inc	120.55	120.84		8.52
Fixed Int Acc	192.95	193.43		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	113.80	124.81		
UK Income	107.21	116.90		5.47
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	82.19	88.84	..	1.39
Beck Bio-Tech	27.57	29.22	+0.23	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	149.91	157.42	..	0.69
City Fin Assets	70.87	74.41†	..	1.89
City Fin America	92.92	97.57		
City Fin Intl	78.08	83.65†	..	0.88
City Fin Japan	148.04	155.46		
Friars Hse Cap	274.74	287.57	...	1.65
Friars Hse Inc	191.30	207.65†		4.06
Beckley Wrld Grth	122.93	130.30		
Fairmnt Cap Gth	133.91	142.68†	-0.38	..
Fairmount Intl	145.40	155.63†	-0.84	..
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	53.89	58.34	+0.65	4.22
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.27	59.70	-0.15	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	61.64	65.93	-0.41	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.19	39.78	+0.18	0.81
Dragon Growth	68.19	72.93	-0.83	0.55
Equity High Inc	85.13	90.56	+1.16	3.94
(Accum Units)	115.34	122.70	+1.55	3.94
European Gwth	52.84	56.21	+0.44	1.29
Evergreen	27.73	29.66	-0.14	..
General Equity	85.97	91.22	+1.17	2.80
Japan Growth	46.78	50.01	-0.47	
Pedigree Gwth	52.27	55.61	+0.57	2.74
Pool Sm Cos Inc	30.41	32.35†	+0.06	1.51
(Accum Units)	31.82	33.85	+0.07	1.51
Retirement Inc	26.24	27.92	+0.35	5.59
Special Sits	38.31	40.75	+0.17	2.15
UK & Overseas	49.39	52.54	+0.43	1.32
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 888 600				
Capital	70.32	74.64	+0.68	1.99
Income	63.92	67.76	+0.83	3.97
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	160.58	170.83†	+1.78	5.12
Fixed & Convertible	38.99	41.48†	+0.31	7.19
Monthly Inc Plus	47.66	50.70†	+0.46	8.84
Preference Share	45.01	47.88†	+0.17	7.86
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	123.90	131.81†	+1.49	6.16
Managed Fund	68.67	73.05†	+0.53	3.73
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.83	40.24†	+0.13	2.02
(Accum Units)	44.03	46.84†	+0.15	2.02
UK & General	81.00	86.17†	+0.97	2.98
(Accum Units)	102.67	109.22†	+1.23	2.98
UK Growth	148.13	157.58†	+1.38	2.57
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	192.38	204.66†	+1.43	0.12
Far Eastern Grth	125.73	133.76†	-0.11	..
Global Bond	79.45	84.44†	+0.30	6.12
Japan Growth	107.73	114.61†	-0.50	..
North Amer Grth	173.55	184.63†	-1.22	..
Oriental Growth	77.73	82.69†	+0.19	0.07
Worldwide Growth	84.99	89.14†	-0.25	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.07	92.07†	+0.01	6.13
Homemaker Fund	79.83	84.93	-0.73	1.78
Quilter Fund	131.80	140.21	+1.61	2.31
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.48	33.78	-0.30	3.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	149.80	159.40†	+0.50	1.58
Income	68.99	73.40	+0.72	4.87
European	62.57	66.57†	+0.65	0.85
Recovery	162.00	172.40	-0.20	1.83
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	831.40	845.40†		3.61
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	77.71	82.66	+0.37	0.45
Income	242.70	258.10	+3.10	4.56
(Accum Units)	610.00	648.90	+7.90	4.56
Smaller Cos	167.30	177.90	+0.40	0.58
(Accum Units)	204.40	217.40	+0.50	0.58
Inv Portfolio	81.63	86.84	+0.75	1.39
High Inc Port	71.12	75.65	+1.01	4.65
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 418 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.56	£15.93	+7.70	
Japan Small Cos	£11.02	£11.22	-39.70	
UK Small Cos	£17.97	£18.74	+7.90	
US Small Cos	£16.80	£17.31	-9.80	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	200.00	210.60†		3.04
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	281.00	296.80†	+2.30	0.94
New Asia	219.60	234.10	+1.00	0.14
Japan Growth	104.30	111.10	-0.60	..
Jap Smlr Co	407.50	433.40†	-2.90	
Nth Amer	283.80	300.80		0.79
Stdrd Asia Pac Mt	122.29	131.50	+0.70	0.34
UK Inc & Grth	218.30	233.50†	+3.10	2.85
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	144.90	154.20	+1.50	1.74
UK High Inc Inc	152.80	162.60†	+1.80	4.43
(Accum Units)	199.50	212.30†	+2.30	4.43
UK Pref & F I Inc	59.43	63.05	+0.77	4.97
Envrnmntl Opps	87.91	93.52†	+0.74	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	52.59	55.95	+0.13	..
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 080 936				
American	128.70	136.80	-0.90	1.28
Convertibles	20.77	22.07†	+0.24	6.34
Equity Income	128.90	137.00	+2.00	3.87
EuroFund	46.62	49.47	+0.43	0.40
Financial	45.35	48.18	+0.38	1.56
Growth & Inc	241.80	256.70	+3.30	3.00
High Dist	155.30	165.00	+1.90	4.55
International	391.30	415.70	+1.30	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	95.54	102.00†	+1.10	2.70
Latin American	28.62	30.41	-0.17	..
Pacific	80.70	85.74	+0.09	..
Preference Share	21.78	23.14	+0.20	7.13
Tokyo	203.40	216.10	+0.20	..
UK Smaller Cos	229.20	243.50†	+1.70	1.13
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Econ Tsst	213.68	228.14	+6.17	0.79
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	202.30	215.20	+1.0	0.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	82.92	87.28	+0.38	1.92
Ethical Tst	41.77	43.97	-0.26	1.34
Far Eastern	291.93	307.29	-2.97	1.99
High Income	131.27	138.18†	+0.76	4.88
Intl Growth	116.70	122.84	-1.68	1.16
North American	113.72	119.71	-3.00	1.37
Pelican	117.68	123.87	+0.40	3.42
Smaller Cos	65.53	68.98	+0.03	2.93
Special Sits	87.07	91.65	-0.23	2.59
Tst of Inv Tsts	183.69	193.36	-0.07	1.82
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.53	205.76†	+0.57	1.55
Smaller Cos Acc	347.21	361.68†	+1.01	1.55
Recovery	49.55	51.61†	+0.05	1.98
Recovery Acc	50.45	52.55†	+0.05	1.98
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	111.19	118.29†	+1.09	5.86
Capital Growth	83.34	89.37	+1.14	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.58	47.55	+0.27	0.61
High Income	41.39	44.36†	+0.42	10.47
Warrant	51.79	56.29	+0.14	..
Zero Preference	39.02	41.40	+0.16	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	79.05	84.10†	+0.640	2.82
Family Income Tst	45.03	45.03†	+0.270	6.58
Family Trust	87.77	93.37†	+1.320	1.85
United Charities	264.40	281.30	+2.200	4.25
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree. Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	5.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.60	27.69†	+0.26	7.18
Intl Bond	28.67	30.79†	+0.16	4.72
Income Funds				
High Income	24.22	25.45†	+0.34	4.81
Income Plus	111.00	118.10	-1.30	3.73
Amer Eq Inc	49.16	52.03†	-0.40	1.69
European Income	42.88	45.58	+0.35	1.30
Far East Inc	64.76	68.81†	+0.15	2.37
Global Convertible	22.38	23.88	+0.09	3.25
UK Div Grth	25.65	26.64	+0.29	1.87
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.15	69.50	+0.28	
American	259.70	274.90	-2.70	
Amer Spec Sits	122.80	131.00†	-1.60	
Japan Smaller Cos	33.68	35.93	-0.09	
European	174.50	185.60	+0.80	
European Opps	63.56	67.59	+0.43	
Global Pov	25.98	27.54	+0.18	0.62
UK Growth	92.55	98.42	+0.51	
Growth & Inc	144.80	154.00	+1.20	1.90
Intl PEP	37.75	40.14	+0.17	
Japan Spec Sits	83.18	88.50	-0.10	
Japan	175.50	186.70	-0.40	
Managed Intl	278.00	298.10	-0.80	
Moneybuilder	52.94	56.29	+0.04	
Recovery	47.23	50.22	+0.16	
South E Asia	157.20	167.70	+1.40	
Special Sits	512.10	544.50		
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.45	109.45	+0.02	5.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2780				
Balanced	137.40	139.90		1.84
Inc Pfolio	85.81	87.49†	+1.01	3.28
Cap Pfolio	143.90	145.40	-10	1.53
General Opps	121.60	123.20†		3.48
Growth Inc	30.85	31.53†	+0.30	1.69
Private Portfolio	417.90	426.00		1.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Eurotrust	115.60	122.10	-0.80	0.34
Emrg Asian	164.10	175.50	-0.90	
High Income	21.30	22.66†	+0.20	9.93
Oseas Income	92.16	96.76	-0.51	3.25
UK Growth	109.80	117.30	+1.30	1.83
UK Income	107.30	114.50†	-1.50	3.69
US Smaller Cos	314.50	336.40	-0.40	0.14
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	48.09	50.57	+0.49	3.73
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.92	79.83	+0.44	3.47
Intl Growth	67.88	71.38†		
Investment Trust	91.32	96.03	+0.28	...
UK Smaller Cos	84.12	88.45	+0.45	0.93
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	58.39	62.35	-0.28	
(Accum Units)	58.39	62.35	-0.28	
Amer Smlr Cos	500.70	535.50	-4.70	
(Accum Units)	511.50	547.10	-4.90	..
Capital Tst	312.20	332.00†	+1.10	1.61
(Accum Units)	449.00	477.50†	+1.70	1.61
Conti Smlr Cos	59.20	63.43	+0.49	0.57
(Accum Units)	62.25	66.70	+0.50	0.57
Convertible	125.80	133.80	+1.10	5.87
(Accum Units)	254.20	270.40	+2.50	5.87
Emerging Markets	67.52	72.13	-0.15	0.22
(Accum Units)	67.58	72.19†	-0.15	0.22
European	119.70	127.10†	+1.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	125.80	133.50†	+1.10	0.13
Extra Income	342.50	364.20	+3.40	3.54
(Accum Units)	514.50	547.20	+5.10	3.97
Financial	124.60	133.90†	+0.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	132.00	141.80†	+0.30	0.30
Gilt Trust	84.51	88.83†	+0.79	8.84
(Accum Units)	92.89	95.58†	+1.10	6.84
Health Fund Inc	138.60	148.08†	+0.30	...
(Accum Units)	138.60	148.00†	+0.30	...
Income & Growth	193.60	205.80†	+2.20	3.32
(Accum Units)	298.70	315.60†	+3.30	3.32
Intl Growth	358.90	383.30†	-1.40	..
(Accum Units)	397.90	425.60†	-1.50	..
Japan & Gen	157.70	168.40	-0.30	..
(Accum Units)	159.30	170.10	-0.30	..
Monthly Inc	164.80	175.20†	+1.40	3.90
Managed Port Inc	104.30	109.80†	+0.50	1.73
(Accum Units)	112.00	117.90†	+0.70	1.73
Quarterly Income	52.51	56.32†	+0.53	4.63
(Accum Units)	56.56	61.66†	+0.65	4.63
Recovery	332.10	355.10	-1.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	381.00	418.00	-1.30	0.13
UK Growth	54.20	57.93†	+0.70	2.79
(Accum Units)	57.47	61.43†	+0.78	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	47.50	50.53	-0.59	0.77
FP Am Smllr Cos	118.50	126.50	-0.50	0.0
FP Asian Growth	282.30	280.50	+0.50	0.0
FP Australian	317.90	341.00	-2.70	0.0
FP Equity Dist	388.10	412.80†	+5.00	2.71
-do- Accum	830.50	883.50†	+10.79	2.71
FP Euro Gth	211.30	224.70	+0.90	0.80
(Accum Units)	228.80	244.20	+1.00	0.80
FP Intl Bond	58.28	61.63	+0.28	5.15
FP Intl Gth Dist	93.29	98.24†	-0.09	0.72
-do- Accum	97.87	103.90	-0.10	0.72
FP Pac Basin Acc	202.00	215.90	-0.30	..
FP Income	55.53	59.23	+0.76	4.90
(Accum Units)	179.70	191.60	+2.40	4.90
FP Jap Smllr Cos	294.40	314.00	-1.30	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	72.00	76.64†	+0.82	5.77
FP Stlg Deposit	100.60	100.60†		6.25
FP Tokyo	82.43	87.92	-0.27	0.0
FP UK Focus	36.60	39.35†	+0.44	1.94
FP UK Growth	174.50	186.10	+2.60	2.94
(Accum Units)	337.80	360.30	+4.90	2.94
Stewardship Dist	340.00	361.60†	+1.80	1.91
-do- Accum	419.80	448.50†	+2.20	1.91
Stwdshp Inc Dist	71.42	75.97†	+0.27	3.57
-do- Accum	93.72	99.70†	+0.35	3.57
N Am Stshp Dist	99.08	105.40	-1.20	0.83
-do- Accum	105.30	112.00	-1.30	0.83
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	109.10	116.00†	+0.70	1.06
Open Cap Gth Acc	110.00	117.00†	+0.50	0.30
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.20	111.90	+0.50	2.36
Cap Gth Inc Acc	107.80	114.60	+0.60	2.38
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	107.80	114.60	+0.50	2.85
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	110.40	117.40	+0.60	2.95
NM Unit Trusts				
Intnl	32.53	34.71	+0.05	0.94
(Accum Units)	47.17	50.34	+0.06	0.94
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	241.30	255.10†	+2.60	2.42
Cash	49.39	50.13†		5.31
Growth Portfolio	78.01	82.69	+0.15	0.99
Income Portfolio	64.30	67.98†	+0.41	4.53
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	189.10	202.20	+0.20	1.41
Dividend	90.23	96.50	+0.49	3.42
Intl Gth & Inc	224.60	240.20	+0.20	3.06
UK & Gen	45.41	48.57	+0.42	1.52
Fund of Funds	63.49	67.90	+0.26	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	191.90	205.30	-2.20	..
European	560.30	597.50	+4.20	0.33
Far East & Gen	239.40	256.10	-0.10	..
Germany	115.60	122.40	+0.80	
Income Inc	153.40	164.10	+0.60	4.46
(Accum Units)	165.70	177.30	+0.60	4.46
International	308.10	329.60	+0.80	0.21
Intl Income	82.23	87.35	+0.13	3.89
Japan & General	367.90	391.00	+1.20	
Korean Securities	81.24	85.59	+0.32	..
Smlr Cos Div Inc	45.05	48.19	+0.50	4.98
UK Capital Inc	169.70	181.50	+0.80	1.28
UK Capital Acc	298.70	317.40	+1.50	1.28
UK Spec Sits	81.14	86.79	+0.17	0.71
US & General	145.30	154.50†	-0.90	
Wrlwde Spec Sits	139.20	148.90	..	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	49.46	52.94	+0.82	2.42
Cash Trust	137.98	137.98	+0.01	4.62
Practical Inv Inc	115.44	123.47	+0.72	3.20
(Accum Units)	263.92	282.27	+1.64	3.20
UK Index	152.68	154.14	+1.82	3.48
UK Smaller Cos	125.69	134.43	-1.50	0.75
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.28	25.97†	+0.14	8.93
High Income	33.30	35.62†	+0.43	5.11
UK Equity Income	135.19	144.59	+1.58	3.52
Global Bond	28.98	30.03	+0.08	4.43
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.99	49.19†	-0.21	
Global Inc & Gth	128.94	138.33†	-0.07	1.86
Gold & Intl Res	101.23	108.27	+0.57	..
Global Utilities	129.85	138.78	+1.07	1.51
Overseas Funds				
American	150.72	160.56	-1.03	1.17
European	104.95	111.19	+0.71	1.17
Euro Sel Opps	152.25	161.65	+0.92	..
Amer Emerging	105.49	112.82	-0.12	..
Hong Kong	142.14	152.45	+0.05	1.52
Japan	224.00	238.00	-0.90	..
Pacific Growth	219.16	234.40	+0.27	1.37
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	219.15	218.15†	+1.80	2.08
Long Term Bal	240.05	240.05†	+1.84	3.17
Med Term Bal	204.76	204.76†	+1.66	3.46
UK Equity	251.15	251.15†	+2.88	2.63
UK Emerging Cos	145.34	145.34	-0.25	2.17
American	249.19	249.19	-1.65	1.82
Japan	108.71	108.71	-1.32	..
European	271.52	271.52	+2.64	1.17
Index Linked Gilt	178.19	178.19	+1.44	2.64
Fixed Interest	164.16	164.16†	+2.14	6.57
Amer Emergs	270.34	270.34	-0.43	..
Pacific	235.15	235.15	+0.64	1.01
Emerging Mkts	125.35	125.35	-0.77	0.49
Index Strat Japan	146.54	146.54	-0.61	0.35
-do- Pacific Rim	188.26	188.26	+0.40	1.33
-do- Cont Europe	156.83	156.83	+1.04	1.84
Index Strat USA	142.78	142.78	-0.81	2.16
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	103.28	109.88	+0.81	..
Med Term Bal	97.29	103.50	+0.84	..
Long Term Bal	107.84	114.73	+0.88	..
UK Equity	116.02	123.42	+1.32	
UK Emerging Cos	68.08	72.43	+0.12	
American	115.38	122.74	-0.82	
Japan	52.07	55.40	-0.67	
European	112.87	120.08	+0.91	
Fixed Interest	82.95	88.24	+1.15	
Index Linked Gilt	79.07	84.11	+0.68	
Deposit	81.35	86.54	+0.09	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Gth	116.80	124.30	+0.50	..
Berkeley Income	112.20	119.40	+0.40	4.15
BWH Intl	138.43	147.72	+0.56	0.58
Brclif Gth Port Inc	82.30	85.75	+0.15	0.80
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.17	60.34†	+0.32	3.40
-do- Wwde Port	53.14	58.08	+0.16	0.10
Shaw Utilities	54.24	57.25†	+1.08	3.02
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
GAM Intl Inc	558.28	593.91	+4.46	1.71
(Accum Units)	620.92	660.55	+4.98	1.71
European Inc	145.22	154.49	..	0.89
Amalgam Inc	143.88	152.39	..	..
N America Inc	333.97	355.29	+0.03	..
Far East Inc	338.83	360.48		..
(Accum Units)	350.95	373.35		..
UK Dvld Inc	180.08	191.57		1.31
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	90.45	96.73	+1.45	4.93
UK Small Cos	49.43	52.85	+0.15	1.02
British Growth	56.46	60.38†	+0.91	2.61
American Gwth	177.57	189.91	-3.85	..
Japan Gwth	65.68	70.17	-0.24	
Greater China	180.39	192.93	-0.58	
Pacific Strategy	155.16	165.94	+0.43	
European Gwth	88.88	94.56	+0.27	0.29
Intl Growth	146.02	156.16	-0.66	
US Index (C)	13.95	14.89†	-0.34	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	75.97	82.13	+0.69	2.48
Monthly Income	38.05	40.51†	-0.35	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 665 0033				
Gld UK Index (C)	11.48	12.12†	+0.24	3.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	90.99	96.80	-3.56	1.58
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9888				
European	496.30	530.20	-2.80	0.30
Gilt & Fixed	130.30	138.20	+1.60	5.14
Growth Equity	335.10	358.00†	+3.90	1.86
Income Trust	132.40	141.40	+1.20	2.90
International	181.80	194.00	-0.10	0.28
Japan Trust	122.90	131.30	-1.40	
Nth American	273.80	292.50†	-1.80	0.26
Pacific	556.10	594.10†	-1.20	..
Guardhill	509.70	544.50	+3.80	1.79
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	101.61	105.48	+1.07	7.33
Global High Inc	98.02	102.82	+0.60	6.81
Prem Fixed Int	105.31	109.32	+7.23	8.24
Eqty & Bond Inc	104.70	111.32†	+1.56	5.19
European Growth	105.37	112.04	-0.95	..
Intl PEP Trust	62.17	66.10	-0.64	...
High Income	123.92	131.78†	+0.82	3.94
-do- Accum	172.76	183.69	-1.16	3.94
Recovery	371.40	394.90†	-2.00	1.80
(Accum Units)	432.00	459.30	-2.30	1.80
St Vinc High Inc	125.43	127.31	+1.28	6.93
UK Emrg Cos	241.50	256.80†	+1.10	1.97
UK Smlr Cos	353.00	359.30	+1.58	2.48
Glob Prv Tst	95.43	101.46†	+0.38	0.93
(Accum Units)	96.32	102.41	+0.39	0.93
Inc Share Tst	90.06	95.77	+0.52	8.31
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	27.17	28.81	+0.25	1.69
Growth Acc	27.17	28.81	+0.25	1.69
Income	27.11	28.74	+0.30	3.40
Income Acc	27.11	28.74	-0.30	3.40
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	207.70	220.40	+2.00	2.61
Smaller Cos	31.77	33.80	+0.07	1.81
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	309.05	330.69	-2.53	1.52
Best of British	65.60	69.94†	+0.85	2.84
UK Smaller Cos	125.13	124.57	-0.20	1.93
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	280.90	299.14†	+2.20	3.78
(Accum Units)	767.57	817.43	+6.01	3.78
High Income	321.53	343.71†	+2.86	4.18
Extra Income	282.62	300.56	-3.03	5.67
Prof & Gilt	46.11	49.56†	+0.29	8.77
International				
International	262.54	279.51	-0.04	0.56
Global Bond	53.90	57.17	+0.30	4.50
Intl Port Tst	81.89	87.58†	+0.29	0.17
Global Tech	180.36	192.38†	-0.65	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	180.67	193.20	-0.24	0.15
European	496.06	514.84†	-3.68	1.24
European Income	84.03	88.98	+0.52	2.76
Euro Smlr Cos	153.26	164.08†	-1.02	0.61
Eur Sp Sits	71.66	76.57†	+0.32	0.71
(Accum Units)	76.76	82.13	-0.35	0.71
Japan Trust	181.40	193.38	-1.08	
Japan Special Sits	191.13	203.33	-2.55	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	226.73	242.80	-1.76	..
North American	243.69	259.12	-0.91	0.39
American Smaller	109.81	117.38†	-0.88	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	100.40	105.10†	+1.30	2.23
Capital	178.30	184.60	+1.60	1.63
Dollar	363.70	390.80†	-1.50	
Enterprise Gth	333.50	349.20	+3.30	1.72
European	231.80	242.50	+1.50	0.96
Far East	322.10	337.20	-0.70	0.46
Financial	842.50	882.10	+6.80	1.83
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.94	28.97†	+0.26	7.32
High Yield	104.10	109.00	+1.30	4.00
Income & Growth	145.70	152.50†	+2.30	3.31
International	257.10	269.20	+0.10	0.02
Japanese General	190.90	199.80	-1.50	..
Japan Tech	75.01	78.54	-0.29	..
Nat Resources	70.52	73.84†	-0.09	..
Portfolio	72.35	75.76†	+0.33	1.32
Smaller Cos	132.10	138.30†	..	1.55
Special Sits	153.00	160.20	+1.00	1.46
UK Emerging Cos	93.36	97.75	-0.01	1.00
US Smaller Cos	91.66	95.99	-0.71	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 850 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	102.90	109.80†	+1.10	5.94
Capital	601.70	642.20†	+7.0	2.35
Income	573.80	612.40	-6.20	5.09
Footsie Fund	56.30	56.58	+0.73	2.91
Trade Index	109.20	116.50	+0.40	2.02
UK Index	142.50	152.10	+1.70	3.09
International Funds				
American Growth	500.40	534.00	-3.20	0.57
American Index	214.60	228.70	-1.30	1.15
European Growth	114.50	121.70	+0.70	0.26
Eurotrack 100	164.20	174.20	+1.20	0.56
Global Bond	21.94	23.18	+0.07	5.86
Japan Growth	286.10	283.40	-0.90	..
Japan Index	78.34	83.61	-0.24	0.18
Japan Smlr Cos	31.53	33.65	+0.07	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	60.23	64.28	+0.93	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	103.30	110.20	+0.70	1.19
Spore & Mlyca Gth	79.59	84.94†	+0.36	..
Tiger Index	201.90	215.50	-3.30	1.39
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	31.83	33.09	+0.07	0.91
General Funds				
Managed	72.98	75.86†	+0.50	1.50
Rupert Child Fnd	88.41	91.90†	+1.33	2.42
UK Growth	61.67	64.11†	+0.83	2.30
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	84.87	88.22	+1.06	6.45
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.81	27.86	+0.23	7.70
UK Inc & Grth	41.42	43.06†	+0.54	3.63
UK Income	343.60	357.20†	+4.90	4.35
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.29	52.16	-0.43	0.19
Amer Smlr Cos	118.20	122.90	-1.20	..
(Accum Units)	119.50	124.20	-1.20	..
Europe Gth	155.80	161.80	+1.00	0.12
(Accum Units)	161.00	167.00	+0.90	0.12
Euro Smaller Cos	28.87	30.11	+0.20	
French Growth	79.75	82.85	+0.54	0.45
Accum Units	85.55	88.88	+0.57	0.45
H Kong & China	79.22	82.35	+0.03	1.71
Intl Growth	58.56	60.87	+0.11	0.54
(Accum Units)	59.06	61.39	+0.12	0.54
Japan Gth	30.28	31.48	-0.28	..
Accum Units	30.28	31.48	-0.28	..
Japan Smaller Cos	34.47	35.83	-0.21	
Glob Emg Mkts	95.90	99.69	-0.31	
Accum Units	96.58	100.40	-0.30	
SE Asia	328.00	341.00	+1.30	0.32
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	56.08	57.79†	+0.36	5.82
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	134.30	142.80	+1.30	
Income	157.33	167.36	+1.40	3.64
UK Growth	58.72	62.46	+0.41	0.56
International	77.91	82.88	+0.27	0.08
Ecology	82.41	87.67	+0.53	1.23
European	126.24	134.21	+1.18	
Far Eastern	292.80	311.40	-0.20	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	50.92	54.17	+0.70	7.11
Gilt Yield	118.00	124.50	+0.80	6.43
Global Income	212.20	225.78†	+2.83	4.35
High Yield	139.00	147.80†	+2.02	5.59
(Accum Units)	425.40	452.60†	+6.17	5.99
Smlr Cos Div	51.83	55.14†	-1.57	3.94
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	94.63	100.70	-0.53	..
North American	80.53	85.67	-0.59	0.15
European Special	121.20	128.90	+0.80	0.12
European	157.60	167.70	+1.80	0.36
(Accum Units)	207.80	220.20	+2.30	0.36
Global Eqty Inc	105.30	112.00	+0.70	1.07
Japan	376.80	400.90†	+0.60	..
Japanese Special	203.20	216.20	+0.80	..
Master Accum	237.80	253.00	-1.40	0.55
Pacific	325.00	345.70	...	...
(Accum Units)	381.10	405.40	...	...
Smaller Cos	110.00	117.00†	+0.20	1.29
UK Equity Growth	38.62	41.09	-0.01	1.58
UK Index Inc	283.80	287.40		4.00
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	62.90	66.91	+0.16	..
Inv Trust	66.17	70.39	+0.16	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	59.89	63.71	+0.15	1.50
High Inc Acc	55.85	59.41	+0.16	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	581.20	593.10	...	5.93
Intl & General	411.20	419.60		0.44
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	263.01	279.80†	+2.09	5.41
Inc & Growth Inc	56.60	60.21	+0.77	4.50
Smaller Cos	57.42	61.06†	+0.10	1.46
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	247.90	263.70†	-2.70	2.01
High Income	109.30	116.90	-1.50	4.33
International	98.30	104.40	+0.20	0.86
Recovery Trust	66.79	71.05†	-0.40	2.01
European Trust	82.33	87.58	+0.94	1.02
Japanese Trust	40.20	42.76	-0.27	..
American Trust	90.53	96.30	+0.07	0.05
Managed	67.59	71.90	+0.34	0.77
Cash	50.32	50.32		4.83
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	380.50	386.90	+6.20	2.65
UK Inc/Gth	407.40	413.70	+7.30	3.34
UK Income	281.50	286.00	+4.80	4.02
UK Sm Cos	239.90	248.80	+0.60	1.96
Euro Gwth	130.90	131.80	-1.30	..
N Amer Gwth	88.96	89.91	+0.11	0.27
Japan Growth	61.88	62.54	-0.37	..
Money Mkt	124.28	124.28		1.56
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	488.90	520.10	+6.10	2.67
(Accum Units)	971.00	£10.33	-12.00	2.67
Equity Income	100.80	107.20	+1.30	3.91
UK Tactical Allocn	58.66	62.29	-0.66	4.38
European	121.70	129.50†	-1.10	1.13
Far Eastern	212.80	226.40	-0.50	..
Fixed Interest	52.70	56.04	+0.59	7.19
Gilt	90.01	95.45†	+0.97	6.41
Global Growth	73.26	77.94†	+0.05	0.36
Intl Bond	53.58	56.89	+0.31	4.60
Japanese	66.68	70.94	-0.38	..
North American	152.60	162.30	-0.80	0.95
Pacific Growth	112.40	119.60	+0.20	0.24
UK Index	64.48	68.03†	+0.83	3.12
UK Recovery	94.00	100.00†	+1.29	1.89
UK Smaller Cos	125.40	133.40	-0.10	1.58
US Index	64.32	67.88	-0.39	1.64
European Index	77.83	82.14	+0.83	1.78
Japan Index	40.58	42.83	-0.19	0.05
Worldwide	83.75	89.10†	+0.38	1.65
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8976 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	51.82	55.42	+0.70	2.16
Income	59.60	64.09	-0.68	3.04
Far East	52.05	55.67†	+0.02	0.09
North American	104.20	111.40†	-1.20	..
Global	95.37	102.0	+0.20	.33
European	88.53	94.70	+0.55	0.93
Japan	99.41	106.30	-0.60	..
Intl Currency Bd	60.96	64.85†	+0.40	4.41
SE Asia	102.60	109.70†	+0.40	..
UK Cap Growth	95.18	101.80†	-1.20	1.55
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 389 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	347.60	370.00†	+3.50	2.96
-do- Acc	801.00	852.30	+8.10	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	67.47	71.03	+0.54	1.14
-do- Acc	72.11	75.91	+0.58	1.14
Extra Inc	256.80	273.20†	-1.30	4.27
-do- Acc	679.10	722.50	-3.60	4.27
FTSE 100 Inc	103.80	110.50	+1.20	3.09
FTSE 100 Acc	103.80	110.50	+1.20	3.09
Gemage Gth	131.60	138.60	+0.20	
-do- Acc	138.00	145.30	+0.20	
Growth Port	555.90	591.40	-4.70	0.29
-do- Acc	565.20	601.30	-4.80	0.29
Hi Reserve Inc	103.40	110.00†	+1.20	6.53
Hi Reserve Acc	104.70	111.40	+1.20	6.53
Income	498.80	530.70	+11.50	3.61
-do- Acc	£13.83	£14.50	+30.00	3.61
Income Port	521.00	555.40	+0.70	3.89
-do- Acc	558.60	594.30	+0.70	3.89
Japan Growth	99.40	105.80	-0.30	..
-do- Acc	99.75	106.20	-0.30	..
Master Trust	59.73	63.55	+0.34	1.36
-do- Acc	66.65	70.95	+0.39	1.36
N American Gen	187.80	199.60	-1.20	
-do- Acc	216.70	230.60	-1.40	
Nthn Sm Co Rec	141.20	150.30	-1.10	
-do- Acc	144.10	153.30	-1.20	...
Pacific Basin	255.80	272.20	+0.60	0.59
-do- Acc	271.80	289.20	+0.60	0.59
Small Cos Rec	373.50	393.20†	+0.60	2.05
-do- Acc	584.10	630.70	+0.90	2.05
UK Growth	87.34	92.92	-0.31	2.42
-do- Acc	108.20	113.09	-0.32	2.42
Worldwide Gth	314.40	334.50	+0.10	0.86
-do- Acc	463.80	493.50	+0.20	0.86
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	69.79	73.81	-0.69	0.10
General	88.09	94.51†	+0.92	2.40
Income	65.87	70.67	+0.54	5.40
International	64.13	66.88	-0.27	0.40
Japan	53.56	57.46	-0.47	
Tst of Inv Trusts	68.04	73.00†	-0.20	1.50
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	408.10	431.60	-2.50	0.52
(Accum Units)	508.50	537.80	-3.00	0.52
Amer Recovery	483.00	510.80†	-4.50	0.40
(Accum Units)	554.90	586.90†	-5.20	0.40
Amer Smlr Cos	133.30	141.00	-0.90	..
(Accum Units)	136.20	144.00	-1.00	..
Australasian	150.10	158.70	-0.90	2.04
(Accum Units)	183.60	194.10	-1.20	2.04
Capital	847.40	896.10	+1.50	2.70
(Accum Units)	972.30	£10.28	+1.80	2.70
Charifund	702.20	709.30†	+3.60	5.86
(Accum Units)	£33.36	£33.69†	+17.00	5.66
Commodity	380.70	402.60	-2.10	0.50
(Accum Units)	558.90	591.00	-3.20	0.50
Compound Gth	953.80	£10.19†	+8.20	3.08
(Accum Units)	£10.24	£10.82†	+6.50	3.06
Dividend	41.10	43.50†	+0.10	4.37
(Accum Units)	175.30	185.60†	+0.40	4.37
Equity Income	348.70	368.70	-0.70	4.78
(Accum Units)	452.90	479.00	-0.90	4.78
Euro & General	516.20	545.90	+4.50	1.21
(Accum Units)	652.80	690.50	+5.70	1.21
Euro Dividend	73.70	77.90	+0.80	3.72
(Accum Units)	88.70	93.80	+0.80	3.72
Extra Yield	422.80	447.20	+1.90	4.85
(Accum Units)	£13.36	£14.13	+5.40	4.85
Far Eastern	545.80	565.70	-3.20	0.66
(Accum Units)	459.00	485.40	-4.30	0.66
Fund of Inv Tsts	616.20	651.80†	+2.60	2.07
(Accum Units)	£11.62	£12.29†	+4.80	2.07
General	62.90	66.50	+0.20	3.66
(Accum Units)	176.80	187.10	+0.70	3.66
Gilt Income	61.02	61.12†	+0.82	7.58
(Accum Units)	172.28	172.57†	+2.32	7.58
Gold	61.80	65.40		0.86
(Accum Units)	73.00	77.20		0.86
High Income	29.40	31.10	+0.10	4.74
(Accum Units)	117.90	124.90	+0.50	4.74
Intl Growth	75.60	79.90	+0.10	0.95
(Accum Units)	131.80	139.50	-0.20	0.95
International Inc	99.40	105.10†		4.63
(Accum Units)	149.70	158.30†		4.63
Japan & Gen	40.70	43.80†	+0.19	..
(Accum Units)	43.70	48.10†		
Japan Smlr Cos	137.30	145.20†	-1.10	...
(Accum Units)	138.20	146.30†	-1.00	...
Managed Income	27.90	29.30†	+0.10	4.23
Midland	63.50	67.10†		3.20
(Accum Units)	214.50	227.00†	+0.20	3.20
Pension Ex	961.50	985.80†	+4.80	4.38
Recovery	42.80	45.30	+0.20	2.57
(Accum Units)	70.30	74.40	+0.20	2.57
Second General	71.70	75.80	-0.20	3.48
(Accum Units)	186.20	196.80	-0.30	3.48
Smaller Cos	69.20	73.20	+0.20	3.19
(Accum Units)	137.90	145.80	+0.30	3.19
Sterling Hi Inc	25.25	25.35	-0.36	8.24
Treasury	25.02	25.07†	+0.01	6.32
Trustee	42.00	44.48†	+0.10	4.35
(Accum Units)	171.90	182.00†	+0.50	4.35
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	84.11	89.47	-0.68	1.51
Intl Bond	65.17	68.50†	+0.37	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	72.93	77.49	+0.10	0.80
N Amer Growth	99.98	106.36	-0.46	1.02
Special Sits Growth	21.75	23.13	-0.08	2.06
UK Growth	380.00	404.20†	-4.20	2.85
(Accum Units)	502.40	534.40	+5.60	2.85
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd	£13.10	£13.35†		3.30
Income	988.40	£10.03		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	137.70	141.80		4.24
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	205.00	219.20	+2.00	2.26
Gilt & Fxd Int	174.00	183.30	+2.40	6.46
Intl Growth	210.60	224.10	-0.20	0.35
North American	195.00	207.90	-1.30	0.43
Far East	276.40	295.60	-0.50	1.26
UK Smaller Cos	178.00	190.40	+0.60	1.71
European	83.37	88.63	+0.29	0.35
Japanese Growth	45.57	48.52	-0.43	..
High Income	193.00	208.40	+2.60	4.01
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	156.50	164.70	...	2.20
-do- Accum	180.10	189.60	...	2.20
UK Sel Pfolio	135.70	142.90	...	2.41
-do- Accum	157.80	166.10	...	2.41
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.49	73.93	+0.05	3.70
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	72.72	77.20	+0.31	4.31
European	85.51	90.77	+0.93	0.97
Income	73.86	78.41†	+0.38	4.73
Nth American	67.32	71.47	-0.13	0.52
Far East	168.50	178.80	-0.20	
Japan	52.68	55.92	-0.42	
Emging Mkts	90.70	97.08	+0.08	
Intl Growth	109.80	116.60†		0.80
UK Growth	95.05	100.90	+0.60	1.45
UK Smlr Co	47.43	50.35†	+0.18	1.05
Asian Opps Fd	37.42	40.02	+0.19	0.33
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	425.72	452.89	+4.99	3.94
Global Inc	69.48	73.81	+0.38	3.80
Brit Leaders	384.41	387.57	+4.72	2.31
Intl Leaders	208.40	219.57	+0.19	0.75
PAM Mg Bal Grth	62.62	65.06	+0.22	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	211.90	224.70	-1.70	...
(Accum Units)	226.40	240.10	-1.90	...
American Opps	94.44	100.70	-0.80	...
(Accum Units)	95.62	102.00	-0.90	...
British Blue Chip	81.40	88.53	+0.970	2.78
(Accum Units)	101.00	107.40	+1.200	2.78
Cash	100.50	100.50		6.04
(Accum Units)*	139.50	139.50		6.04
Emerging Mkts	103.40	111.20	-1.90	0.13
(Accum Units)	103.50	111.30	-1.00	0.13
European Growth	259.50	274.50	+0.600	0.16
(Accum Units)	279.70	296.10	+0.600	0.16
European Income	86.67	91.51	+0.460	3.14
(Accum Units)	116.70	123.20	+0.600	3.14
General	511.80	544.90	+4.900	2.27
(Accum Units)	1015	1080	+9.000	2.27
Global Bond	126.80	135.30	+0.860	5.11
(Accum Units)	158.70	166.70	+1.000	5.11
Gold & General	189.70	204.00	+0.790	0.44
(Accum Units)	194.70	209.40	+0.780	0.44
Govt Securities	93.25	96.15	+0.830	5.70
(Accum Units)	181.60	187.10	+1.580	5.70
Income	154.90	164.80†	+2.500	4.30
(Accum Units)	246.00	261.80†	+4.000	4.30
Inc Portfolio	98.89	105.00	+1.300	5.00
(Accum Units)	101.20	107.40	+1.300	5.00
Intl Opps	488.70	499.60	+0.800	0.18
(Accum Units)	625.90	667.20	+1.000	0.18
Japan	154.90	164.10	-0.90	
(Accum Units)	159.00	168.50	-0.90	
New Europe	183.00	195.20	+1.300	1.03
(Accum Units)	188.70	201.30	+1.400	1.03
Pacific	117.30	125.10	+0.400	0.82
(Accum Units)	125.50	133.90	+0.500	0.82
Recovery	292.10	311.60†	+3.300	0.83
(Accum Units)	375.40	400.40†	+4.100	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	55.72	59.43	+0.020	0.87
(Accum Units)	63.08	67.29	+0.030	0.87
Portfolio	81.60	86.65	+0.730	2.86
(Accum Units)	97.41	103.40	+0.900	2.66
Managed Grth	100.70	105.30	+0.700	1.80
Managed Inc	106.30	110.30	+1.100	4.08
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	120.13	127.80†	+0.43	0.84
Portfolio	68.26	72.82	+0.49	0.54
UK Income Inc	77.37	82.31	+1.08	4.58
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 128				
Balanced	60.92	63.79	+0.51	3.28
(Accum Units)	65.14	68.20	+0.54	3.28
British Tst	86.86	90.95	+1.02	1.93
(Accum Units)	101.90	106.70	+1.20	1.93
Extra High Inc	68.77	72.01	+0.67	6.43
(Accum Units)	134.50	140.80	+1.30	6.43
FT-SE 100 Acc	57.02	58.70	+0.77	2.54
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.13	59.78	+0.78	2.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.41	57.88	+0.50	6.82
(Accum Units)	162.50	169.19	+1.49	6.82
High Yield	220.30	230.70†	+2.30	5.72
(Accum Units)	568.10	592.70†	+5.80	5.72
Income	291.60	305.30	+3.40	3.80
(Accum Units)	643.30	673.60	+7.60	3.60
Money Market UT	49.34	49.35†	+0.01	5.84
(Accum Units)	78.36	78.38†	-0.02	5.04
Monthly Income	88.24	90.30†	+0.93	5.02
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	108.30	113.10	+1.20	1.74
European Growth	103.80	110.10	+0.60	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.76	94.19	+0.82	5.89
Income	87.46	93.06	+1.12	2.75
Japan Growth	50.28	53.30	-0.67	..
Managed	71.07	75.61	+0.61	2.32
Money Markets	87.90	93.19	+0.02	4.31
North American	91.61	97.11	-0.26	0.46
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	98.54	102.70	+1.20	1.72
European Growth	97.86	103.50	+0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.58	89.75	+0.77	5.86
Income	85.91	91.39	+1.09	2.81
Japan Growth	50.18	53.19	-0.60	
Managed	67.31	71.61	+0.58	2.32
Money Market	81.26	86.16	+0.02	4.36
North American	83.23	88.22	-0.24	0.55
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.44	102.60	-1.20	1.71
European Growth	95.36	107.10	-0.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	77.18	81.90	+0.71	6.03
Income	84.69	90.10	-1.08	2.64
Japan Growth	51.25	54.36	+0.61	
Managed	70.80	75.32	+0.62	2.30
Money Market	75.53	80.05	+0.02	4.35
North American	92.70	98.26	-0.27	0.43
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.06	13.89		..
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	363.20	385.50†	-2.60	
European Gth Inc	471.10	504.80	-4.80	0.29
(Accum Units)	476.80	510.40	-4.80	0.29
Intl Gwth	194.40	207.00	-0.30	
UK Equity Inc	188.70	208.90	+1.70	3.80
UK Ind Tckr Inc	164.60	176.00	-1.90	2.83
(Accum Units)	185.20	208.80	-2.20	2.83
US Eq Ind Tck Inc	213.39	226.10	-1.80	1.21
Japan Tracker	74.00	78.38	-0.70	
Asian Tracker	213.20	230.10	-0.40	0.28
Managed Inc	157.60	157.50†	-0.70	1.36
Deposit Inc	99.87	99.87†	...	6.23
Europa	182.50	195.50	-1.10	
Genesis	157.60	171.50	-7.00	2.12
High Income	21.65	22.98†	-0.08	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	97.06	99.17†	+0.56	2.57
Acumen Inc	90.85	92.63†	+0.50	2.57
Acumen Income	86.63	87.49†	+0.61	7.87
-do- Inc	73.22	73.96†	+0.69	7.87
American Growth	157.40	166.30	-1.60	
Cash Income	49.63	49.63†	+0.01	5.63
Equity Income	97.51	100.20	+1.12	4.74
European	71.73	73.27	+0.46	0.55
Smaller Cos	79.98	84.03†	+0.86	1.17
W'wide Eqty	65.86	67.42	+0.18	0.55
Global Bond	44.18	44.69†	+0.06	6.68
UK Growth	96.97	99.40†	+0.70	2.10
Pacific Growth	110.90	114.30	-0.90	0.05
Japan Growth	87.66	89.29	-0.95	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	125.68	133.70	-1.51	2.69
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	75.01	79.80	-0.72	2.19
UK Income	109.72	116.72†	-1.62	3.81
Higher Income	215.40	229.15	+2.87	4.42
Smaller Cos	81.73	86.95	-2.21	1.97
International	96.75	102.93†	-0.43	1.76
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	107.00	113.50	-0.60	0.68
European Dist	117.60	125.10†	+1.50	
Far East Dist	181.40	193.00	-0.30	
Global Care Dist	71.75	76.33	-0.17	1.07
Oseas Dist	210.26	210.92	+3.80	0.15
(Accum Units)	£13.32	£14.17	+5.00	0.15
UK Dist	354.10	376.70†	+4.90	2.64
(Accum Units)	702.50	757.30	-9.60	2.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	78.55	83.56	-0.41	4.16
Wwde Dist	107.10	113.90†	-0.80	0.37
Wwide Inc Dist	72.81	77.46†	-0.41	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	65.90	69.55	-0.39	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	59.43	62.72	+0.41	0.83
North America Inc	51.21	54.05†	-0.09	0.48
UK Equity Grth Inc	59.00	62.27†	+0.55	2.01
(Accum Units)	61.99	65.43	+0.59	2.01
UK General Inc	58.49	61.73†	-0.66	2.43
UK Gilt/Fir Int Inc	47.57	50.02†	+0.41	7.01
UK Income Inc	58.13	61.35†	-0.71	3.80
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	121.42	128.67	-0.24	6.47
Bridge Fund	65.07	69.51		2.23
Distributor	94.71	100.76	-1.08	3.13
Foundation	95.10	101.16†	-0.98	2.61
General	185.18	197.01	-0.99	1.87
Global	320.60	341.07	-0.36	0.43
Growth	125.85	133.90†	+3.22	2.57
Higher Income Inc	27.94	29.72	+0.40	4.18
Income	230.95	245.70†	-2.25	3.41
Intrepid	118.12	122.05†		2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	37.40	42.00	-0.24	0.26
Cash Income	50.08	50.03†	-0.01	5.50
European Gwth	41.07	42.81	-0.32	0.20
Intnl Gwth	30.34	32.44†	-0.03	0.42
Japan Gwth	24.72	26.43	-0.12	..
Managed Tst Inc	48.56	51.72	+0.41	2.24
Oriental Opps Inc	148.10	158.30	-0.53	0.22
Property Shares	32.45	35.77	-0.28	0.84
Smaller Cos	32.72	34.35	-0.15	1.27
UK Growth Tst	25.13	27.94†	-0.34	2.68
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.69	77.74	+0.62	1.77
Cap Hse UK Inc	69.24	73.63	+0.57	2.78
Exempt (C)	29.84	30.73		1.76
Exempt	51.37	54.86	-0.33	..
High Income	74.38	75.52	+1.01	4.73
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.72	...	1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.96	...	1.07
Monthly Income	73.66	84.12	-1.14	4.20
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	98.75	104.50		2.10
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	124.55	131.11	-0.85	1.77
UK Equity	145.33	153.56	+2.04	2.95
UK Equity Income	135.48	142.61†	+1.50	3.19
UK Smaller Cos	120.13	126.45	-0.20	1.54
UK Equity Growth	134.0	141.13	+1.57	2.22
UK Index Tckg	144.15	151.75	+0.29	3.58
Intl Index Tckg	145.33	153.03	-0.31	1.15
International	239.51	252.12†	-0.46	0.45
European	206.20	216.80	-1.86	0.75
Pan European	139.74	149.52†	+1.22	1.35
Nth American	182.51	192.12†	-0.95	0.14
N Amer Smlr Cos	96.75	101.11	-1.21	
Japanese	88.21	92.75	-0.72	
Pacific	231.72	243.92	-0.14	0.28
South East Asian	261.45	275.16†	-1.12	0.49
Intl Bond	139.23	146.56	+0.78	3.68
Gilt & Convertible	107.15	112.79	+0.94	8.31
Property	80.17	84.33	+0.20	6.22
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	257.60	275.50†	-1.40	0.52
(Accum Units)	272.60	292.00	-1.50	0.52
Japan Inc	102.00	109.90	-0.10	
Nth American Inc	112.80	121.10	-0.50	0.37
Worldwide Inc	158.63	170.50	+0.30	0.91
Hong Kong Inc	143.30	153.90	+1.00	1.92
Swiss Equities Inc	73.65	78.49†	-0.80	..
Wwide Bond Inc	63.49	67.17	-0.30	5.65
Emging Asia Inc	221.60	240.20	-1.20	0.72
(Accum Units)	222.40	241.19	-1.20	0.72
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.16	50.16†	-0.01	6.22
Thailand Inc	180.00	193.60	-1.90	1.54
Gold Trust Inc	70.01	75.30	-0.53	0.85
New Zealand Inc	94.23	101.20	-0.10	1.73
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	63.25	67.94	+0.27	1.34
Latin Am Cap Inc	60.15	64.79	-0.41	
UK All Sh Idx Inc	59.96	64.35	+0.73	2.98
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.98	81.26	-0.32	
Global Portfolio	67.78	72.16	-0.78	
Global Opps	64.46	68.94	+0.13	..
Marsh Global Grth	63.80	67.56		..
AAM Global Equity	54.78	58.04	+0.09	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	93.24	100.40†	+2.15	
Temple Equity Inc	45.87	49.20	+0.32	2.69
Hartley Growth	78.35	80.93	+0.46	0.28
Intl Growth Inc	83.49	89.29	+0.01	0.20
IPS Portolio Inc	81.50	87.17	+0.32	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.39	49.21	-0.09	
Premier Pedros Inc	66.94	71.59	+0.01	1.60
Roxburgh Strat Gth	71.74	76.73	+0.11	0.06
Tech Analysis	103.60	109.80	+1.20	
Rosebery Growth	44.29	48.17	+0.18	0.74
International Strat	78.59	84.05	+0.49	
UFC Ind-Act Gth	54.04	58.17	+0.25	
Cavendish Topout	49.31	53.27	+0.22	
Prem Equity Inc	109.00	116.10	+0.80	1.85
Lowes Intl Growth	47.85	49.53	+0.30	1.38
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	250.30	266.20	+2.40	2.60
(Accum Units)	528.30	562.00	+5.20	2.60
Growth	158.90	167.20†	+1.30	2.79
Income	243.50	259.00†	+2.40	3.82
Intl Equity	258.60	273.30	+0.10	1.23
(Accum Units)	283.90	301.90	+0.10	1.23
UK Income	67.90	72.23	+0.71	3.38
UK Intl 25	82.25	87.50	+0.61	2.35
New Europe	81.38	86.57	+0.26	1.06
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	588.88	629.93	-2.44	0.54
(Accum Units)	589.59	630.58	-2.45	0.54
Income	371.75	397.60†	+2.03	3.29
Wwde Recovery	382.79	409.41	-1.61	0.75
Amer Growth Inc	224.43	240.04	-5.12	0.01
(Accum Units)	224.43	240.04	-5.12	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	238.86	255.47	-1.07	0.03
Far East Grth Inc	269.49	288.23	-3.15	0.38
(Accum Units)	269.49	288.23	-3.15	0.38
Euro Gwth Inc	148.75	159.10	+0.81	0.87
(Accum Units)	149.14	159.51	+0.82	0.87
UK Growth Inc	93.56	100.09	+0.43	2.74
(Accum Units)	98.45	105.36	+0.45	2.74
High Income	99.61	106.54	+0.38	3.83
Jap Gwth Inc	205.11	219.61	-1.13	0.01
(Accum Units)	205.11	219.61	-1.13	0.01
PEP Growth	119.15	127.44	-0.38	1.08
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	125.55	134.28	-0.65	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.55	134.28	-0.65	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	131.02	140.90	-3.08	0.01
(Accum Units)	131.82	140.88	-3.08	0.01
Global Bond	55.82	59.80	-0.07	5.99
UK Smaller Cos Inc	83.69	89.51	+0.25	1.55
(Accum Units)	86.94	92.99	+0.26	1.55
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3827				
American	102.10	108.62†	+0.45	...
European	72.89	77.54	+0.15	
Global	61.81	65.76	+0.37	
Pacific	56.00	59.57†	+0.07	..
UK Inc & Grth	65.86	70.06	+0.14	3.89
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2530 540				
Bill Director Digs	94.84	101.00	+0.18	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	161.68	171.09	+0.60	0.10
Emerg Mkts	45.97	48.65	-0.19	..
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	62.61	66.36	+0.44	2.69
Growth Income	65.09	68.99	+0.47	2.20
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	139.10	147.98	+0.72	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	98.44	102.60	-0.30	3.38
Conv & Gilt	110.20	117.20†	+0.90	6.32
European Income	75.83	80.67†	+0.60	2.78
Extra Income	155.70	165.60	+1.90	3.56
(Accum Units)	190.70	202.80	+2.30	3.56
Far East	380.90	405.20	-1.30	0.08
(Accum Units)	388.00	412.80	-1.40	0.08
Global Income	26.39	28.07	+0.16	4.28
High Income	117.10	124.50	-0.20	3.39
(Accum Units)	142.10	151.20	-0.10	3.39
International	198.60	211.30†	-0.10	0.68
(Accum Units)	204.70	217.70	-0.20	0.68
Pref & Fxd Int	42.39	45.09†	+0.25	7.67
Recovery	74.52	79.28†	+2.20	2.63
Special Sits	112.80	120.00	-0.50	1.06
(Accum Units)	122.10	129.80	-0.40	1.06
Technology	455.00	483.90	-4.60	
UK Blue Chip	72.51	77.14	+1.19	2.38
(Accum Units)	81.09	86.26	+1.33	2.38
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	182.00	193.66	+0.90	1.77
European Gth	101.70	107.60	-0.90	0.46
Income & Gth	137.70	146.56	+0.90	3.41
Japan Gth	105.70	112.40	-0.40	
Nth Amer Gth	135.90	144.70	-1.10	0.17
Overseas Gth	94.47	100.50		
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	36.59	38.98	+0.62	1.81
Cash Haven Inc	100.99	101.48†	-0.01	5.11
Cash Haven Acc	112.56	113.12†	-0.01	5.11
Dist Trust Inc	96.87	102.45†	+1.12	6.07
Dist Trust Acc	183.64	197.39†	+1.17	6.07
Global Growth	91.45	97.25	+0.63	0.69
Equity Inc	83.40	88.72†	+1.10	3.44
Equity	745.86	793.48†	+9.44	2.28
European	225.54	233.72†	+2.10	0.91
High Income	90.07	95.81	+1.07	5.08
Intl Grth	190.04	202.17	-0.49	0.88
Intl Sm Co	79.11	84.15	+0.08	0.46
Japanese	202.06	209.38	-0.98	
Nth Amer	178.43	184.90†	-0.46	1.53
Pacific Mkts	108.48	112.39	+0.30	0.56
Premier Inc	48.35	50.33†	+0.58	6.88
Sm Cos	93.25	96.01	+0.39	1.97
Spec Sits	112.94	120.14	+1.01	2.35
UK Growth	126.57	134.64	+1.56	2.25
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	307.30	326.00	+3.80	3.11
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	541.93	578.23	-4.90	0.74
FA America (Acc)	633.57	673.68	-5.72	0.74
FA UK Eqcty Inc	161.84	172.53†	-1.82	3.51
FA Japan	244.93	260.25	-0.80	
FA Major UK Cos	99.55	106.15	+1.10	2.37
FA Smlr UK Cos	295.60	321.97	-0.35	1.05
FA European	330.13	350.78	+1.76	0.90
FA Amer Smlr Cos	47.40	50.85	-0.45	0.18
FA Asia	51.48	55.27	-0.31	0.18
FA Jap Smlr Cos	40.15	42.96	-0.08	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.36	106.69	+1.10	
UK Smlr Cos	85.61	90.11	+0.10	...
UK Income	100.24	105.51	+1.10	
UP Income	108.89	114.61	-0.98	
America	53.87	56.70	-0.17	
Japanese	106.12	111.70	-0.56	
European	91.64	96.45	+1.30	
Gilt	84.89	89.14	+0.02	
Deposit	102.29	107.66	-0.76	
Managed				
RAM PSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	98.66	103.84	-1.07	
UK Smaller Cos	83.56	87.95	+0.09	
UK Income	97.75	102.89	-1.07	
America	105.93	111.50	-0.94	
Japanese	53.41	56.16	-0.17	
European	103.34	108.77	+0.55	
Gilt	90.29	95.04	+1.22	
Deposit	80.73	84.98	+0.02	
Managed	95.08	100.08	-0.64	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	84.93	90.71	-0.92	0.20
Pacific Basin	74.35	79.77	-0.16	
High Inc Dist	137.50	147.30	-1.20	4.43
Ryl Life Int Cany	59.10	62.83	-0.37	3.83
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.68	72.16	-0.14	0.027
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.96	66.97†	-0.06	
UK Emerging Cos	126.20	136.40†	-0.80	1.13
UK Index Tckg	167.20	178.10†	+1.30	3.21
European	134.70	144.30	-0.80	0.36
Managed	150.40	161.70	-0.60	0.73
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	149.10	157.60		0.42
European Growth	116.30	123.50		1.03
Far East Growth	137.90	146.80		0.42
Japan Growth	128.50	136.60†		
Special Sits	199.70	212.40		1.30
UK Growth	79.63	84.92		2.35
Triton General	243.80	259.30†		0.93
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6580				
Far East Inc	163.40	172.90	-0.20	0.59
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	337.50	357.10	-0.20	0.39
(Accum Units)	524.60	555.10	-0.40	0.39
Growth Inc	130.30	137.90	-0.60	0.66
(Accum Units)	132.80	140.50	-0.70	0.66
International Inc	334.50	354.00	-1.30	0.51
(Accum Units)	458.80	485.50	-1.80	0.51
Nth Am & Intl Inc	322.30	341.10	-1.20	0.40
UK Gen Prog Inc	228.40	241.70	+0.60	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	135.70	143.60	+1.40	3.77
SAKURA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	67.79	72.11	-0.48	
Asian Gwth	114.86	121.86	+0.02	0.75
European Gwth	70.20	74.67	+0.36	1.00
Global Bd	59.65	63.05	+0.44	5.00
Global Eq	58.32	62.03	-0.20	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	54.28	57.74	-0.90	
UK Gwth	63.17	67.20	+0.36	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.10	76.70†	-0.44	3.43
Amer Smlr Cos	121.60	129.40	-1.0	
Asian Smaller Cos	41.52	44.17	+0.61	
Capital Portfolio	127.50	135.60†	+0.70	1.94
Cash	127.60	127.60		5.70
China Dragon	80.00	83.83†	+0.27	1.17
Commodity	123.70	131.60	+0.30	0.45
Eastern Discovery	91.02	96.83†	-0.59	..
Emerging Mkts	39.16	41.66	-0.07	0.46
Energy Inds	131.60	140.00	+0.40	0.64
European Gwth	192.70	205.00	+1.80	0.07
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.53	84.61	+0.78	1.92
Euro Smlr Cos	54.87	58.37	+0.50	
Extra Income	52.88	54.72†	+0.41	5.72
Financial Secs	214.40	228.10	+0.50	1.76
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.81	51.52	+0.47	8.62
Gold & Exploration	76.78	81.68	+0.49	
High Return	231.90	246.70	+1.0	4.12
High Yield	231.80	246.60	+0.90	3.64
Income	122.30	130.10	+0.70	4.24
Intl Bond	170.70	180.20	+1.0	5.22
ITU	210.00	223.40†	+1.20	1.22
Japan Growth	155.80	165.70	-1.30	
Japan Smllrs	152.70	162.40†	-0.50	
Korea	58.29	62.01	+0.13	
Masterfund	55.38	58.91	+0.12	1.37
Scotbits	324.70	345.40	-0.70	1.22
Scotshares	300.40	319.68†	-1.20	2.19
Scotyields	247.00	262.80	+1.30	3.33
Select Intl	137.80	146.60	-0.20	0.20
Smaller Cos Inc	247.30	263.10	+0.50	3.64
SE Asia	54.45	57.93†	-0.14	
Special Situation	130.40	138.70	-0.40	0.86
UK Equity	253.30	269.50	+1.30	2.78
UK Growth	66.31	70.54†	+0.31	1.62
UK & O'seas	169.50	180.30	+0.40	1.54
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	48.33	51.41	+0.06	1.63
US Growth	155.80	165.70	-1.30	0.42
Univ Growth	136.80	145.50†	-0.20	0.98
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cnt: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	261.80	278.05†	-6.45	1.10
(Accum Units)	286.18	303.94†	-7.05	1.10
European Growth	78.03	82.84†	+0.70	1.03
Euro Smlr Cos	80.95	86.34	+0.96	0.57
Far Eastern Gth	95.53	101.89	-0.44	
(Accum Units)	97.25	103.73	+0.45	
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.51	55.38	+0.50	7.54
Global Bond	52.18	53.92	+0.24	6.78
(Accum Units)	57.25	59.15	+0.26	6.78
Global Emer Mkts	54.13	57.73†	-0.04	...
(Accum Units)	54.13	57.73†	-0.04	...
Income	364.15	388.42	+5.33	4.08
(Accum Units)	£11.57	£12.34	+16.93	4.08
Japan Smlr Cos	437.70	466.88	+3.65	..
(Accum Units)	438.58	467.81	+3.65	..
Japan Enterprise	64.65	68.96†	+0.35	..
Pacific Gwth	138.54	147.77	+0.80	0.31
(Accum Units)	143.01	152.54	+0.82	0.31
Portfolio	83.73	89.31	+0.75	2.15
(Accum Units)	90.92	96.98	+0.82	2.15
Seoul	44.79	48.21†	+0.33	...
(Accum Units)	44.79	48.21†	+0.33	...
Smaller Cos	218.47	233.03	+0.33	1.50
Tokyo	119.15	127.09	+0.40	
(Accum Units)	120.36	128.37	+0.40	
UK Enterprise	269.41	287.37	+2.30	2.14
(Accum Units)	323.19	344.74	+2.76	2.14
UK Equity	252.52	269.35	+3.08	2.78
(Accum Units)	490.88	523.39	+5.88	2.78
US Smlr Cos	167.58	178.75†	-3.44	
(Accum Units)	48.76	50.78†	-1.05	0.77
Institutional Funds				
European	247.81	257.40	+1.37	1.45
(Accum Units)	275.92	286.60	+1.52	1.45
Euro Smlr Cos	29.92	31.16†	+0.24	1.73
(Accum Units)	31.79	33.12†	+0.26	1.73
Global Equity Inc	79.70	83.02†	-0.08	1.02
Japan Smllr Cos	36.00	37.49	+0.04	0.33
(Accum Units)	36.28	37.78	+0.04	0.33
Mngd Balanced	193.99	202.07†	+1.36	2.97
(Accum Units)	221.37	230.60†	+1.59	2.97
Overseas Equity	193.90	201.97	+0.27	1.06
(Accum Units)	209.78	[illegible]	+0.28	1.06
Oseas Smlr Cos	124.40	129.58	-0.32	0.81
(Accum Units)	130.11	135.53	+0.34	0.81
Pacific	260.10	270.93†	-8.03	1.23
(Accum Units)	284.54	296.39†	-0.04	1.23
Recovery	£19.15	£19.95	+14.27	2.92
(Accum Units)	£20.25	£21.09	+15.09	2.92
UK Index	158.81	165.42†	+1.57	3.51
(Accum Units)	198.04	204.21†	+1.94	3.51
UK Small Cos	116.11	120.94	+0.12	2.80
(Accum Units)	124.50	129.68	+0.13	2.80
US Smlr Cos	47.88	49.87†	-1.02	0.77
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.28	54.59	+0.30	3.79
Equity Trust	63.36	67.48	+0.57	3.19
Equity Strategy	74.55	79.40	+0.59	1.85
European Opps	90.35	96.22	+1.01	1.11
UK Smaller Cos	64.70	68.91	+0.13	1.09
Maximum Inc	98.28	101.85	+0.01	6.67
Japanese	71.23	75.86	-0.63	..
Asia Pacific	122.23	130.17	-0.10	1.30
American	109.29	116.39	-0.74	0.60
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.36	31.36		5.865
UK General Inc	54.39	58.02	+0.61	2.84
(Accum Units)	69.85	74.50	+0.78	2.84
Intl Income	269.20	286.20†	+1.40	1.01
(Accum Units)	464.90	494.30†	+2.60	1.01
European	84.84	89.80	+0.20	1.47
Japan	66.78	70.81	-0.37	0.08
American	72.21	76.39†	-0.44	1.92
Far East	85.74	91.45	+0.14	0.78
Ethical Inc	30.91	33.06	+0.19	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.33	37.77	+0.44	2.95
High Inc Inc	36.40	38.83†	+0.38	3.44
UK Global Inc	41.01	43.73	+0.47	1.57
Wwde Tact	71.45	75.97†	+0.30	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	55.66	59.07	+0.03	1.51
Technology	117.63	125.42†	-0.77	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	400.60	427.70	+5.40	2.82
American	277.70	294.70	-1.50	0.50
Pacific	384.00	410.70	-1.20	0.58
European	575.40	615.40	+3.80	1.29
Worldwide	89.98	96.23	+0.03	0.73
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	277.30	295.10	+4.20	1.78
(Accum Units)	350.10	372.50	+4.20	1.78
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	205.30	218.30	+0.40	2.04
(Accum Units)	245.90	261.70	+0.40	2.04
Select Opprty Inc	69.46	74.29	+0.77	2.02
Income Plus Inc	73.23	77.91	-1.30	4.06
European Inc	363.60	382.00	+3.20	1.18
(Accum Units)	405.30	432.30	+3.20	1.18
Far Eastern Inc	179.70	191.20†	-0.20	0.86
(Accum Units)	205.50	218.70†	-0.20	0.86
Japanese Inc	57.09	60.73	-0.58	..
Nth American Inc	246.10	261.90†	-0.80	0.76
(Accum Units)	271.70	289.70†	-0.60	0.76
Intl Growth Inc	202.40	215.40	-0.10	0.54
Smaller Venture Inc	61.75	66.97	-0.10	0.88
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	373.70	395.40	+4.30	2.78
(Accum Units)	550.20	586.50	+6.10	2.78
UK High Inc	184.90	197.20	+1.70	3.60
(Accum Units)	371.40	399.40	+2.50	3.60
Europe Inc	385.50	411.10	+5.20	0.40
Nth Amer Inc	226.30	241.30	-0.60	0.12
Global Inc	205.80	219.50	+0.30	0.31
Global Acc	320.20	336.80	+0.30	0.31
UK Spec Sits Inc	102.40	109.30	+1.20	3.2
South East Asia	227.30	242.40	-0.20	0.76
Cash Trust Inc	101.35	101.90		5.64
UK Smlr Cos Inc	108.30	113.40	+0.40	2.06
(Accum Units)	106.70	115.90	+0.30	2.06
Intl Bond Inc	96.00	101.90	+0.80	5.86
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	[illegible]	154.40	-0.10	4.32
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	131.70	138.60	+0.30	0.84
Nth American	110.60	116.40	-0.40	0.28
Intl Bond & Conv	122.60	129.00	+0.80	4.84
Pooled Pension (S)	192.90	206.40	...	2.82
Smaller Cos	78.05	82.16	-0.20	1.19
UK General	133.80	140.80	-1.50	1.85
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6225				
Amer Gth Fonct	107.50		-1.10	...
Adept	73.87		-0.92	...
Europeans	124.30		+1.00	...
Global Bonds	96.55		+1.33	7.77
Samurai	47.54		-1.05	...
UK Growth	99.90		-1.57	2.71
Tai Pan	101.60		-0.70	...
UK Emerg Leaders	101.70		-0.60	1.35
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	321.50	340.10	-1.80	...
Canadian	68.44	72.42	-0.37	1.36
Capital	124.30	133.20	+0.70	1.46
Cash	100.81	100.81	+0.01	5.62
European	137.20	145.20†	+0.60	1.18
Far Eastern	149.00	158.50	+0.80	
Growth	136.40	144.70	-0.60	1.06
Income	126.90	134.30	+0.80	5.59
Magnum	133.10	142.70	+0.70	1.56
Smlr Secs	380.70	402.80	+1.60	0.59
Thoroughbred	153.90	165.10	-0.80	1.46
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	49.70	50.19†		5.26
Charlie Primrose	55.10	59.25	+0.42	0.59
Ethical	57.04	61.33	+0.43	2.60
European Growth	77.50	83.11	+0.46	2.88
Income	54.79	58.90†	+0.64	6.59
Intl Growth	100.70	107.90†	+0.19	2.06
Managed	85.25	91.66	+0.59	3.70
UK Growth	63.60	68.39	+0.64	3.36
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	40.54	40.75	+0.30	1.86
Global Advtg Acc	43.45	43.67	+0.30	1.86
Income Advtg Inc	32.08	32.25	+0.20	4.01
Income Advtg Acc	35.57	35.75	+0.20	4.01
UK Equity Gth Acc	68.03	72.12	+0.50	1.36
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	52.67	56.97	+0.48	1.73
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	37.51	39.86†	+0.38	3.15
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	47.01	49.95	+0.38	3.15
UK Equity Gen Acc	64.32	68.34	+0.78	2.18
UK Equity Gen Inc	47.06	50.01	+0.50	2.18
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.10	32.89†	+0.40	6.31
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	324.10	351.70		1.83
Nth American Acc	47.37	50.34		0.57
Far East Acc	69.72	74.08	-0.20	0.21
European Acc	54.49	57.90	+0.19	0.53
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	3.795	4.024	..	1.82
US Eqts (US$)	2.694	2.858		0.84
Far East Eqts (yen)	305.60	318.30		
Japan Eqtys (yen)	182.00	193.30		
FT Europe	132.30	140.50		1.83
FT N Amer (US$)	2.006	2.136		0.84
FT Japan (yen)	193.80	205.80		
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.598	2.760		1.34
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	384.50	409.20	-2.50	...
British	£10.35	£10.96	+8.00	3.41
Emging Mkts	138.00	147.00	-4.20	
European	542.30	577.60		0.58
Japan	135.20	143.90	+0.10	...
New Pacific	391.00	415.40	-2.20	0.02
(Accum Units)	412.10	437.60	-2.40	0.02
Inv Trust Acc	263.80	279.60	+1.00	0.83
Mngd Equity	177.30	187.60		1.74
Mngd Cash	95.94	95.94	+0.01	5.82
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	855.90	915.40	+11.40	3.26
North America	131.00	140.10	-0.40	0.45
Far East	150.00	160.40	+0.20	0.27
Wwide Bond	58.94	62.57†	+0.28	4.97
European	107.00	114.40	+1.10	0.80
Equity Income	93.42	99.91	+1.34	4.33
Portfolio	88.85	95.03†	+0.74	1.32
UK Leading Cos	63.65	67.90	+0.69	3.37
Smaller Trusts				
Intnl Equity	66.70	71.34	+0.25	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Acorns UT	22.93	24.40†	+0.01	6.69
European	38.71	41.19†	+0.29	
High Income	34.05	36.23†	+0.39	4.48
Japan	34.51	36.72	-0.18	
Managed Assets	131.36	140.50	+1.27	2.71
North American	33.88	36.05	-0.19	1.80
Smlr Co's Inc	30.81	32.78†	-0.09	2.85
Smlr Co's Acc	33.03	35.14†	-0.09	2.85
UK Growth Inc	59.98	63.81	+0.68	3.20
UK Growth Acc	64.94	69.09	+0.71	3.20
UK Income	42.38	45.33	+0.54	3.12
Worldwide Grth	36.08	38.59	-0.06	1.15
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	60.82	62.50†	-8.35	1.78
European Exmpt	84.58	87.20†	+0.62	1.28
Pacific Exmpt	80.66	82.54†	-0.11	0.88
US Exmpt	77.08	79.47	-0.28	1.38
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	49.11	52.24	+0.19	..
Cap Protector Inc	42.35	45.29†	+0.32	2.50
UK Income Inc	52.94	56.62	+0.62	3.45
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	33.24	35.56†	+0.33	5.06
Mngd High Yld Inc	81.28	86.93†	+0.79	4.22
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	76.82	82.16†	+0.86	3.71
UK Smaller Cos	35.12	37.56	+0.06	2.15
Pacific Grth Port	49.08	52.41	+0.04	0.59
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	219.40	232.17	-0.52	
(Accum Units)	241.68	255.73	-0.56	
Brit Growth	100.34	106.18	+1.33	2.16
(Accum Units)	121.74	128.82	+1.60	2.16
European	107.47	113.72	+0.93	0.74
(Accum Units)	114.26	120.93	+0.98	0.74
Extra Income	197.23	208.71	+2.57	4.23
(Accum Units)	339.66	359.42	+4.41	4.23
Smaller Cos	73.85	78.14	+0.09	1.42
(Accum Units)	83.27	88.12	+0.10	1.42
General	296.20	313.44	+3.66	2.42
(Accum Units)	613.12	648.80	+7.59	2.42
Premier Income	49.89	51.97†	+0.49	6.11
(Accum Units)	115.41	120.21†	+1.13	6.11
Income	349.73	370.08	+10.41	3.88
(Accum Units)	766.82	811.45	+22.83	3.88
Pacific	408.29	432.05	-0.37	..
(Accum Units)	429.01	453.98	-0.39	..
International	541.52	573.04†	+0.29	0.38
(Accum Units)	712.54	754.01†	+0.36	0.38
Nat Resources	153.00	161.90†	-0.01	..
Stad Opps	109.96	116.36	+1.06	1.68
(Accum Units)	140.80	148.99	+1.35	1.68
Environmental Inv	64.34	68.08	+0.65	
Selector	64.00	67.72†	+0.80	1.87
(Accum Units)	72.82	77.05†	+0.88	1.87
High Income	66.46	70.32	+0.92	4.85
(Accum Units)	84.86	89.59	+1.18	4.85
Intl Income	59.90	63.39	+0.45	4.85
(Accum Units)	75.20	79.58	+0.58	4.85
Selector Income	62.04	65.66†	+0.72	4.87
(Accum Units)	74.39	78.62†	+0.86	4.87
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 667 1018				
British	336.80	354.50		2.87
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	209.28	223.83	+0.01	
Glob Balncd Inc	176.92	189.22†	+0.53	
Value Tst Inc	126.68	135.49		
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.96	43.64	+0.38	
European Growth	283.30	298.64	+2.30	
Exempt	545.94	568.75†	+6.35	
Global Em Mkts	84.30	88.27†	+0.13	
Japan Tst	73.05	76.49†	-0.18	
Latin Dragons	35.34	39.82†	+0.19	
Nth Amer Gwth	239.65	250.84	-1.32	
Oriental Income	45.62	47.76	-0.13	
Preference	125.68	131.60†	+0.49	
Tiger	290.51	304.19†	+1.98	
(Accum Units)	305.22	319.60†	+1.38	
UK Blue Chip	65.12	68.18	+0.88	1.81
UK Growth	523.52	548.78†	+8.82	
UK High Yield	106.28	111.29†	+1.75	4.59
(Accum Units)	348.80	365.23†	+5.23	4.59
UK Mid-Cap	256.52	268.61†	+2.89	
UK Smllr Cos	99.78	104.48	-0.09	
UK Smlr Cos Div	90.89	95.17	+0.34	
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	102.17	108.63	+1.75	
UK Equity Growth	90.32	96.08	+0.99	
European	73.32	78.00	+0.41	1.38
Nth American	75.59	80.41	-0.27	
Far Eastern	69.02	73.43	-0.59	
Money	67.84	67.84	+0.01	
Fixed Interest	74.16	78.89	+0.62	
Index Linked Gilt	69.73	74.18	+0.56	
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.46	24.69	-0.43	
Pacific Basin	44.23	46.55	-0.54	
Global Bond (US$)	0.90	0.943	+0.00	
Penny Share	38.91	40.96	+0.24	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 2444				
Challenger	98.94	101.20	+1.51	
Short Dtd Gilt	115.60	117.00†	+0.80	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	+0.00	
Gilt Income	51.53	53.59	+0.68	
Gilt Growth	74.34	77.31	+1.35	
City Reserve	52.60	52.60	+0.01	
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	51.22	54.30	+0.14	1.18
UK Stockmarket	82.37	87.55	+0.89	

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
492	413	Abbey Nat	485	+ 3	4.6	9.8
300	250	Allied Irish	259	+ 5	4.6	8.7
247	196	Aus New Z	220	- 5	5.7	7.3
3300	2531¼	Bank America†	3250	- 37½		
230	191½	Bank Scotland†	226	...	3.3	9.8
684½	567	Barclays	678	+ 9	3.9	7.3
350	288	Bk of Ireland†	348	+ 4	4.7	
519	418	Cater Allen	519	+ 5	6.8	10.7
3350	2450	Citicorp	3350	+ 88¾		
275	219	Close Bros	275	+ 1	3.8	12.4
£158¾	£129¼	Commerzbk	£149¾	+ 3¼	3.6	...
1375	993½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1221½	- 31½	0.5	...
£319¾	£285	Deutsche Bk	£304¼	+ 16¾	2.4	...
881¼	612½	Espirito Santo	818¾	- 53¾	0.9	...
1611	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1438½	- 38¾	0.4	...
490	395	Gerrard Nat	488	+ 7	6.4	13.5
253	195	Hambros	285	...	8.1	12.6
831	589	HSBC†	817½	- 1½	4.1	11.7
818	578	HSBC (Hk)	806	- 3	4.3	11.5
317	228	Irish Perm†	317	+ 4	2.4	7.3
408	363	Joseph (L)	363	...	6.1	10.6
124	85	King Shaxson	122	+ 8	9.2	12.1
700	529	Kleinwort Ben	681	- 3	4.1	11.8
688	530	Lloyds	675	- 4	4.8	11.4
592	478	Nat Aust Bk	543	- 5	6.5	9.0
560	454	Nat West	551	- 1	4.9	9.3
2800	2150	Ottoman Bank	2425	...	6.4	3.4
67	51	Rea Bros	51	...	2.5	10.7
433	373½	Royl Bk Scotl†	423	- 3	4.6	9.7
1143	906¼	Schroders	1143	+ 10	1.5	18.9
976½	823¼	Schroders N/V	950	+ 5	1.8	13.5
96	81	Singer & Fried†	96	+ 5	4.6	9.3
349½	246	Stand Chart†	345	- 2	2.9	10.6
258	217	TSB	252	+ 2	4.5	10.8
105	70	Union	89	...	3.8	...
883	655	Warburg SG†	750	+ 3	3.7	...
£113	£94¾	Wells Fargo	£112¾	- 25	2.8	...
257½	211	Westpac	230	- 4½	2.3	...
235	200	Wintrust	205	...	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Ascot Hldgs	159			
595	487	Bass	588	+ 9	4.6	14.0
278	239	Boddington	277	+ 1	4.0	14.2
177	151	Burtonwd Brw	151	...	4.2	12.8
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	164	+ 2	3.1	18.9
61	51	Fosters Brewing	58	...	4.8	14.9
375	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	373	+ 1	2.6	15.4
483	402	Greenalls Grp	474	+ 5	3.6	13.5
536	468	Greene King	530	+ 6	3.1	14.4
267	240	Hardy Hanson	255	...	4.0	12.4
160	150	Hesstone	160	...	3.5	11.4
3425	3145	Holt JT	3173	...	2.1	
260	219	Mansfield	260	+ 1	2.2	15.8
312	266	Marston Thmp	304	+ 5	2.5	14.8
48C	409	Morland	482	+ 12	2.9	14.4
8½	6½	Paramount†	7½	...	4.1	17.7
392	307	Regent Inns	391	...	1.9	22.3
1881¼	1287½	SA Breweries	1775	+ 3½	1.9	
556	482	Scott & Newc▲	537	- 1	4.2	15.4
241	211	Vaux Group†	241	+ 3	5.2	13.8
533	448	Wetherspoon JD	527	...	1.7	24.4
594	521	Whitbread†	591	+ 3	4.3	15.3
565	483	Wolverhampton D	544	- 5	3.2	14.1
260	186	Yates Bros	244	...	1.9	19.2
475	450	Young 'A'	463	- 2	4.1	

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	145	...	4.5	10.6
178	143	Allen	176	- 2	4.0	16.5
78	56	Amec†	68	+ 1	5.5	15.6
195	133	Andrews Sykes	195			
465	412	Ashtead	465	+ 1	1.6	19.9
105	78	Avonside†	79	...	7.9	9.2
38	30	Bailey (Ben) Const	31	...	4.2	7.6
45	36	Barratt	38			
197	158	Barratt Devel	181	+ 7	4.3	13.4
153	122	Beazer Homes	146	+ ½	4.6	11.5
240	180	Bellway†	232	...	3.9	11.8
37	27	Bellwinch	29	...	0.8	15.5
386	315	Berkeley Gp	381	+ 2	2.4	12.1
182	168	Bell Bros†	180	...	3.5	5.6
245	195	Boot (Henry)†	220	...	4.0	10.3
129	93	Bowdon Hire	118	...	1.9	20.8
160	120	Br Bldg & Eng	120	...	8.3	16.5
134	105	Bryant	130	+ 2	4.9	12.3
121	98	CALA	120	- 1	3.1	13.7
38	29	Campbell & Arm	38			
54	49	Clarke T	54	...	8.4	13.4
24½	18	Costain	11			
110	82	Countryside	82	...	8.5	10.2
81	60	Crest Nicholson	80	...	3.5	10.1
98	80	Cussins†	85	...	5.5	7.1
25	18	Edingtd Hldgs	18	...	0.8	
293	165	Eve Group	225	...	8.1	8.2
39	17½	Galliford	17½	...	7.1	
89	85	Gibbs & Dandy	88	...	4.3	
863	828	Gleeson (MJ)†	826	...	2.2	15.8
86	68	Green (Ernest)	69	...	10.2	18.5
216	178	Havelock Europ	216	...	1.7	18.4
180	138	Hewden-Stuart	160	+ 2	2.3	17.4
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	84	...	3.7	
22	16	Howard Hldgs	16	...	6.2	12.2
18½	8¼	Jarvis	17	- ½		
125	98	Kellert	121	...	3.2	12.4
223	185	Laing (J)	208	+ 3	5.4	25.7
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	93	...	8.6	
124	115	Lex Clydeside	115	- 2	5.8	12.2
61	32	Lovell (YJ)	38	- 1	3.5	4.4
210	185	Manders (J)	195	...	3.5	18.7
181	136	McAlpine (A)†	167	...	4.5	
80	48	McCarthy & S	58	...	...	18.3
61	51	Morgan Sindall	51	- 1		
105	68	Mowlem (J)†	69	...	3.6	31.2
216	163	Persimmon	212	+ 2	5.6	13.5
2400	1700	Pochins	1800	...	2.2	12.8
128	105	Prowting†	124	...	3.8	
53	23	Raine Ind	20½	...	18.6	6.1
53	45	Secure Retire	52	...	2.5	
123	93	Redrow	120	+ 1	2.8	14.1
74	48	Smlth-Ros	72	- 1	1.7	22.1
398	362	Sheriff Hldgs	385	...	2.0	15.2
112½	88	Shorco†	93	...	5.1	12.0
318	258	Spender	305	...	1.8	21.2
316	155	Try Homes	162	...	5.1	11.3
130	114	Taylor Woodrw†	121	+ 2	2.3	22.0
568	433	Tilbury Dougls†	443	...	9.3	18.1
53½	52	Torno Hire	56	...	2.8	18.6
20	16	Try Group†	18	...	6.9	25.3
108	100	Vibroplant	100	...	4.7	17.8
116	97	Walnwrpes	112	...	5.5	12.1
60	48	Ward Hldgs	55	...	3.8	7.0
160	123	Westbury†	158	+ 2	4.5	
5½	3½	Wiggins	3½			
173	124	Wilson (C)†	167	+ 3	3.4	12.4
355	308	Wilson Bowden	354	+ 4	3.5	13.1
138	113	Wimpey G	127	+ 3	5.4	15.4

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Albrighton	10½	...	6.0	17.7
343	331	Alumasc	338	...	2.5	16.9
53	47	Amberley Gp	53	...	2.9	27.3
324	267½	BPB Ind	315	+ 3	3.3	16.2
132	122	Baggeridge Brk	132	...	3.0	12.4
36	27	Benlox	28	...	8.9	16.9
71	52	Blockleys†	60	...	1.7	
321	255	Blue Circle†	304	+ 1	4.8	18.6
88	72	Breedon PLC†	88	+ 1	6.9	12.3
136	119	Br Dredging†	128	...	5.8	14.5
403	338	CRH	400	+ 1	2.5	15.0
48	38	Cakebread Robt	45	...	2.8	
210	186	Caps	197	...	7.0	14.3
273	220	Caradon†	264	- 1	4.5	13.5
132	114	Caradon cft	128½	...	7.1	
55	31	Cheltalm Gp	21	- 2	17.9	7.8
120	105	Dyson (J&J)	119	...	3.7	17.9
72	63	Dyson 'A'	65	...	6.7	9.8
19½	11½	Eclipse Blinds	18½	...	...	17.2
315	274	Epwin†	314	...	3.5	17.5
62	53	Erith	54	...	5.2	
184	160	Gallops Gp	184	+ 7	3.6	17.2
344	312	Halstead (J)†	333	...	2.9	14.9
325	282	Hepworth†	308	+ 3	6.0	14.6
85	80	Hewetson	81	...	2.3	14.1
104½	73	Hewitt (J)	77	...	2.8	
268	239	Heywd Wms	266	+ 5	6.5	12.7
85	75	Ibstock▼	77½	...	2.4	20.4
325	262	Johnston†	325	...	3.8	
108	85	Lilleshall	90	...	6.7	10.8
138½	118	Marley▼	123	+ 3	4.8	11.0
146	123	Marshalls	145	+ 1	3.9	12.9
371	289	Meyer Intl	338	...	4.1	12.8
178	160	Newman Tonks†	172	...	4.9	16.1
108	76	Nocros	87	+ 1	10.1	16.5
16	12	Phoenix Timber	16			
191½	143	Pilkington	185	+ 3	2.7	35.6
175	122	Polypipe	166	+ 5½	1.8	17.5
1116	802	RMC Gp†	1108	...	2.6	16.2
18	8	Ramar	8			
470	408	Redland†	437	- 9	4.8	13.9
116½	81¼	Rockw▼	110	...	4.9	18.4
123	104	Rugby Group	123	+ 3	3.7	15.2
101	88	Russell (A)	101	...	3.1	14.9
282	222	SIG	249	...	3.0	13.8
19	11	SWP	15½	...	1.6	
180	167	Sharpe & Fisher†	167	- 5	3.7	
43	36	Spring Ram†	42	+ 1	1.5	35.1
130	99	Tarmac†	125	+ 1	5.5	16.0
160	148	Tilcon	148	...	3.9	11.9
306	265	Travis Perkins	308	+ 5	3.7	
31	24	Tudor†	39	...	2.1	29.8
46	34	Unigroup	#46			
48	33	Westbrick	35			
120	83	Wickes	116	+ 1	2.0	5.8
400½	324	Wolseley	374	...	3.8	13.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	1½	Anglo Utd	1½	...	...	...
86	57	App Holo	76	...	...	...
7¼	6¼	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...
55	42	Black Arrow	54	...	7.2	8.6
84	69	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	66.4
6	3	Carr Gp	4½	-	...	...
6¼	4½	Chesnara	5½	...	2.3	17.2
153	135	Cosalt	146	+ 1	7.1	9.7
259½	215	Filofax	240	...	1.1	28.6
43	24	Headway	28	...	3.1	21.8
323	248	Hozelock	323	...	3.0	14.5
168	132	Leigh	141	+ 2	6.9	13.0
231	120	Nebu Gp	121	...	6.4	7.9
265	210	Photo-Me	235	...	2.6	22.8
68	53	Fleet & Gen	58	...	5.4	...
11	7	Rodime	8	...	...	...
95	73	Stanley & McEwen	92	...	2.9	...
195	168	Sinclair (Wm)	194	...	4.7	14.5
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	282	- 2	...	18.1

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	154	Albright & Wil	187	+ 2	4.0	
135	109	Allied Colloids	133½	...	2.2	18.9
785	780	Amber Ind	783	...	3.4	15.5
£143¾	£120¾	BASF DM	£136¾	+ 98¾	3.2	...
797	688	BOC†	794	+ 9	3.9	16.6
303	236	BTP	278	+ 3	4.9	15.6
£160½	£141¼	Bayer DM50	£154¾	+ 16¾	3.7	...
134	103	Blagden	134	+ 1		
118	101	Brent Chems	116½	+ ½	4.5	16.1
265	210	Br Vita	265	+ 2	3.6	17.7
52	30	Cambridge Iso	41			
215	184	Canning (W)†	214	...	4.4	
486	401	Courtaulds	483	+ 6	4.1	16.6
387½	320	Croda†	355	+ 2	3.1	17.2
198	125	Doeflex▼	188	+ 8	3.3	16.9
80	58	Euro Colour	86	...	2.5	24.9
122	114	Gibbon	120	...	5.7	11.1
145	120	Hickson†	130	...	4.8	12.4
£143¾	£123¼	Hoechst	£139	+ 20¾	3.7	...
220	190	Holliday Chem	219	...	2.9	15.6
796½	660	ICI	791	- 1	4.3	85.3
139	87¼	Kalon	#139	...	4.1	13.5
763	628	Laporte	762	+ 18	3.7	16.5
85	75	MTM†	79	...	2.4	14.0
359	293	Manders†	354	...	3.9	16.7
36	30	Metrotect	48	...	...	6.5
485	382¼	Medeva	468¼	+ 11½	4.2	21.8
363	290	Porvair	345	...	1.7	23.8
228	188	Scapa	228	+ 1	3.3	18.5
33	16	Suicliffe Speak	18	...	4.9	10.7
865½	695¾	Takeda Chem	780½	- 14½	1.3	9.3
350	315	Wardle Storeys†	326	+ 5	6.6	16.2
197	186	Wellington Hdg	197	...	3.5	15.1
828	728	Wolstnhlme R	828	+ 6	3.1	15.9
366	328	Yorks Chem	364	...	3.0	18.3
292	236	Yule Catto†	292	+ 3	3.0	29.3

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	81	ABI Leis	110	...	4.8	12.6
595	535	Adam & Harvey	549	...	3.6	6.8
21	16	Alexanders	21	...	6.0	10.1
113	88	Appleyard	107	- 1	6.8	13.1
4½	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	1.7	26.8
595	516	BSS Group	594	...	3.8	28.9
24½	18	Bearing Power	18	- ½	6.6	9.4
28	23	Bogod 'A'	25	...	3.5	10.5
408	345	Brammer†	386	...	4.2	
21	10½	Budgens Gp	17	- 4	1.5	
96	85	Bkt Fittings†	85	...	4.4	
48	28	Brown & Tawse	42	- 1		
38	33	Bunzl	38	...	6.3	
270	215	Caffyns	248	+ 3	5.8	40.7
88	66	Central Mtr	74	+ 1	4.6	48.3
48	35	Cook (DC)	48	+ 2	3.0	14.7
284	220	Cowie	280	- 2½	4.1	12.0
151	125	Dag Motors†	151	+ 3	5.8	13.3
598	558	Dawson Et	558	...	1.5	13.0
493	408	Diploma†	492	+ 4	3.6	16.2
598	472	Electrocomps	586	+ 5	2.2	24.0
182	153	Electron House	173	...	2.5	14.7
283	234	Ellis & Everard	276	...	3.6	18.2
111	87	European Mtr	108	...	5.2	11.7
412	364	Evans Halshaw	412	...	4.6	12.2
629	512	Farnell Elect	623	+ 2	1.8	
60	48	File Indexg	51	...	7.4	
24½	15	Gardner	22½	...	4.4	18.4
29½	21	Glenchewton	27½	- 1	...	20.3
73	61	Gowrings†	67	...	4.2	12.7
73	62	Hallin Hldgs†	67	- 1½	1.9	12.8
172	148	Harris (Philip)	165	...	5.2	14.5
421	378	Hastys	419	...	2.5	19.4
99	81	Holders Tech	98	...	7.7	28.4
118	88	ISA Intl	102	+ 1	2.3	12.4
498	274	Inchcape†	327	+ 1	5.7	12.4
48	53	Jacks (Wm)	65	...	...	14.8
167	142	Kwik-Fit	159	...	3.5	19.7
341	277	Lex Service	324	- 7	5.2	17.8
195	164	Lookers	172	...	5.5	3.5
18	14	Mallory Grp	15	...	3.3	35.7
8½	5	Middlesex Ct†	8½	...	1.0	
456	330	Modsco	367	+ 12	0.8	16.4
133	78	Nettlemarket	129	...	1.3	54.8
158	147	PCT†	147	...	6.5	
288	225	Pendragon	263	...	3.8	15.2
181	123	Penn Cpt	148	...	6.3	
148	126	Quicks Group†	135	...	5.1	12.8
171	160	REA†	163	...	3.1	19.4
3¼	2¾	Reece	2¾			
6½	2½	Ross Gp	5	...	4.2	
54½	37½	SEP Ind	54½	+ 4½	2.8	18.0
59	38	TLS Range†	55	- 3	3.4	15.3
288	225	Time Products	259	...	4.4	
238	151	Vardy (Reg)	226	...	2.9	16.9
278	240	Wholesale Ftgs	270	...	5.4	24.1
18½	12½	Wills Gp	13	...	4.8	7.3
74½	62½	Wilshaw	69	...	1.2	23.3
71	56½	Wyko	70	...	1.8	25.3
88	68	Young (H)	86	...	5.3	15.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
173	149	Adwest†	173	+ 5	5.6	14.9
333	235	Autologic	293	+ 3	1.7	27.1
908¼	728¾	Barlow Rd	832	+ 8	2.5	
348	291	BTR†	340	- 5	4.9	14.8
508	405	BAT†	493	+ 2	5.6	12.4
270½	216	Berisford Intl	246	...	0.3	65.1
68	71	Bibby (J)	99	+ 1	7.4	18.8
48	40½	Brierley Inv	42	+ 1	6.6	2.8
882	743	Charter†	882	+ 8	3.4	14.3
242	185	Cookson▼	241	+ 3	3.6	15.2
252½	228	Hanson	237¾	- ½	6.4	12.8
162½	136	Harrison Croft	156½	+ 4½	7.2	18.8
325½	208¼	Hutch Whamp	322¼	+ 1¾	2.3	
584½	415½	Jardine Math	502¼	- 4	2.1	
35	27	Jourdan (T)†	35	+ 1	4.5	
170	134	Lonrho	157½	- 1½	3.8	28.9
141	113	McLeod Russel	141	+ 1	5.6	13.9
44	34	Porter Chadbn	35½	-		
550	447	Powell Duffryn	549	+ 3	5.7	15.4
142	123	Ropner	142	...	7.3	12.3
612	438	Rolls	610	...	3.9	29.6
15½	10	Suter	13½	...	...	4.3
177	120	Sime Darby†	177	+ 2	2.5	22.1
181	164	Steveley	187	...	5.7	57.6
185	148	Sidlaw	183	+ 4½	8.5	14.4
258	227	TT Group†	246	...	2.8	15.2
239½	214	Tomkins	246	...	3.8	15.8
78	47	Trafalgar H	48½	- 2½	2.6	
285	285	Unidare	295	...	8.0	
309	241	Wassall	280	...	1.8	
168	152	Whitecroft	167	...	2.6	18.3
11½	9	Whitney	9½	...	2.8	15.1
358	312	Williams Hldgs†	335	- 1	5.0	18.0

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
850	554	East Midlands	842	+ 4	5.4	27.0
860	535	Eastern Grp	853	+ 9	4.7	14.3
785	546	London Elect	855	+ 11	4.7	10.0
886	621	Manweb	877	+ 8	5.0	8.1
827	583	Midlands Elec	809	+ 18	4.7	10.1
406	421¼	National Power	403	+ 1	4.2	11.3
200	158¾	Natl Power PP	197	+ 1½	3.9	10.5
1138	715	Northern Elec	794	+ 4	5.2	8.2
371	313	Nthn Ireland	345	+ 4	4.3	9.4
887	611	Norweb	858	+ 17	4.5	8.3
542	452¼	PowerGen	485	+ 2	4.2	9.3
208	178½	PowerGen (P/P)	203	+ 2	3.5	11.4
335	303	Hydro-Elect	331	- 1	4.9	10.5
395	308¾	Scottish Power	395	...	5.2	8.7
484	304	Seeboard	376	+ 7	4.1	10.3
912	630	Sth Wales	711	+ 13	5.1	9.6
888	603	Sth Western	678	+ 16	4.6	9.0
885	548	Southern Elec	869	+ 16	4.5	8.7
880	509	Yorkshire Elec	579	+ 21	5.1	11.8

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
324	292	Acal	324	...	2.7	17.5
97½	77½	Acorn Comp	92½	...		
655	625	Admiral	655	...	1.5	19.9
220	195	Alba	220	...	2.8	17.7
222	127½	Amstrad	218	- 3½	1.4	...
41	38	Adas	38	...	1.2	...
88	77	Avtech	97½	...	1.5	18.8
181	116	Astec	179	...	2.1	14.5
364	280	BICC†	331	+ 4	4.7	18.9
250	225	Bowes	228	...	5.4	12.3
503	430	Blick	485	...	3.8	18.3
365½	284	Bowthorpe†	354	+ 1	2.8	17.8
28	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	25	...	2.5	
201	148	Cdl. Micro	153	...	4.9	9.8
35	28	Channel Hldgs	34	...	4.9	
23	19	Chloride	19¾	...	1.9	53.9
75	61	Chiphire	65	- 1	5.1	
190	105	Colorvision	165	...	3.3	
170	65½	Cray Elect	67	...	4.7	7.8
519	461	Dataplus	519	+ 2	2.0	21.9
440	330	Dale Et Sys	378	- 11	8.6	
508	421	Delta	506	+ 6	3.8	18.3
595	505	Domino	532	...	2.2	16.8
72	65	Dowding Mills	68½	...	4.7	22.5
1503	1463	Drack	1475	...	8.9	25.1
3303¼	2750	Electrolux 'B'	2875	...	3.8	5.2
34½	26	Emess	32½			
4758¼	3393¾	Ericsson 'B'	4758¾	+ 71¾	1.0	38.5
79	64	Eurotherm	70	- 1	3.5	14.0
454	370	Eurotherm	454	+ 2	1.5	23.4
446	375	Fairey Group	446	...	2.6	19.7
299	165	Filtronic Com	299	+ 1	0.3	61.9
273	195	Forward Gp	#260	...	2.8	
66	40	Forward Tech†	57	- 1	4.4	9.3
323	260	GEC	311½	- 2½	4.4	15.4
123	88	Gestetner†	69	- 34	4.7	18.4
147	122	Graseby	138	+ 1	6.0	13.8
147	110	Ind Control	117	...	5.3	10.4
17	14	Intelek	14	...	6.7	
310	254	Kenwood App	289	...	4.8	14.3
68	50	Kode	61			
45	28	LPA Ind	29	...	5.9	20.6
324	226	MTL Inst	324	...	1.8	18.4
285	254	Memec	285	...	2.8	20.0
41½	30½	Microfilm	39½	- 1½	1.3	13.5
342	224	Mitel	326			
68	60	Pacer Systems†	67	...	6.1	
87	73	Pectel	85	...	4.9	15.9
2559¾	1893¾	Philips Lmp	2559¾	+ 50	1.9	10.3
349	290	Pifco	291	...	2.0	18.6
327	270	Pifco 'A' Vig	273	...	2.1	17.4
141	116	Plasmec†	138	...	3.8	14.3
130	96	Pressac	126	...	2.8	19.8
32	23	Prestwick	31			
368	243	Psion	387½	+ 1½	1.2	22.5
31	25	Quadrant Grp	28			
274	217	Racal Elect	268	- 8	2.1	21.9
68	44	Radamec†	65	...	4.8	14.4
335	301	Raniford	327½	...	1.9	19.3
238	202½	Rotork	237	...	2.5	12.8
20½	9	Scantronic	9			
45	38	Silvermines	42	+ 1	3.0	11.2
67	53	Soundtracks	66	...	4.7	15.1
9½	7¼	TDS Circuits	8			
3100	2480¾	TDK	2750	+ 21½	1.3	
378	82	Tadpole Tech	91	- 11		
80	57	Telemetrix†	89	- 1	1.7	12.4
94	83	TGI	93	...	3.0	17.3
510	342	Telspec	500	+ 10	0.9	34.7
251	226	Thorpe FW	245	...	1.3	16.6
183	130	TLG	161	...	2.7	23.1
38	25	Total Systems	25	...	...	26.0
252	227	Tunstall	250	...	2.0	18.7
391	350	Unitech	376	...	2.3	18.9
9½	8	Verity	8	...	...	21.5
385	368	Volex	385	...	5.9	16.1
79	38	Wolfsbourne	53	- 1	...	9.4
127	122	Whessoe	122	...	1.6	...

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
215	167	AIM	215	...	2.6	...
80	47½	APV†	78	...	5.1	...
241	178	ASW	248	...	3.1	42.4
35	27	Aero Needle	28			
105	82	Alvis	104	...	1.5	
151	133	Ash & Lacy	149	...	5.4	12.6
558	538	Atlas Equipt	553	+ 1	5.0	23.5
138	118	Ayrshire Metal†	133	...	4.5	
31½	25	Babcock	30			
138	122	BWI	132	...	8.3	17.0
94	77	Baynes (Charles)†	92	- ½	2.7	18.9
39½	27¼	Beauford▼	28	...	1.1	6.8
120	90	Bilton (A)	93	+ 3	7.1	
330	306	Bodycote†	326	...	2.2	18.3
81	73	Booth Inds	74	+ 1		
16	13½	Brasway	16	...	4.1	15.1
160	126	Bridon†	127	...	3.9	12.7
559	418¾	Br Aerospace▼	523	- 12	2.4	19.5
180	144	Br Steel	178½	+ 1½	2.5	21.6
93	79	Bromsgrove Ind	82	+ 1	6.5	14.6
13½	11½	Brooke Tool	12	...	1.0	27.8
49	39½	Brunel	44¼	-		
188	148	Bullough	188	...	4.0	19.4
103	71	Burnfield	95	...	3.6	17.2
23	14	Cl Group†	22	...	2.8	21.4
279	236	Carclo Eng	279	+ 4	4.7	16.9
178	150	Castings	177	- 1	2.0	21.8
150	150	Chamberlin Hill	150	...	5.8	8.5
338	294	Chemring	338	...	2.8	15.9
182	143	Clyde Blowers	149	...	4.3	
355	302	Cobham†	355	...	2.9	
533	505	Cohen (A)	508	...	6.8	
195	166	Concentric	192	...	4.1	14.4
241	210	Cook (Wm)	217	...	4.3	10.2
248	193	David Brown	242	- 3	3.6	15.9
83	73	Dobson Park	82	...	2.7	16.9
398	330	EIS†	383	...	5.7	15.2
102	92	Elliott (B)	101	...	4.1	
71	71	Expamet	74	...	2.5	15.1
168	135	FKI	167	+ 1	5.1	12.0
180	136	Fenner	153	...	3.1	18.3
28	10	Fyrsom	12	...	1.6	20.8
103	77	GEI Intl	88			
137	117	Galon Engt	137	+ 3	2.2	10.1
351	292	Glynwed†	351	+ 1	5.0	
13½	12	Greenbank	12	...	4.4	17.6
76	58	Haden MacLell	61	...	3.3	8.5
180	133	Hadleigh	175	...	4.3	11.8
218	163	Halma	184	+ 7	1.8	19.9
218	178	Halite	199	...	5.4	
57	48	Hampson Ind	40½	-	1.6	21.5
36	19	Hay (Norman)	35	+ 4	6.3	7.8
127	110	Hill & Smith	125	...		
68	47	Hopkinsons	48	...	6.0	16.2
37	28	How Grp	29	...	3.4	
106	74	Howden	85	...	3.3	
183	162	Hunting†	181	...	3.7	14.0
323	280	IMI	311	+ 8	6.9	28.0
49	40½	Johnson & FB	49½	...	4.2	18.7
559	506	Johnson Math	556	+ 1	2.7	20.8
31	28	Jones Stroud	28			
355	310	Kelsey Ind	355	...	4.6	16.6
288	285	Lincat	288	...	3.2	16.0
16	11½	Locker (T) A	15½	...	3.2	
37	28	ML Hldgs	37	+ 2	2.8	12.8
26	19	MS Intl	21	...	8.9	12.7
181	137	Mang Bronze	140	...	4.0	11.9
443	378	McKechnie†	439	+ 8	4.3	22.1
85	61	Meggitt	84	+ 1	5.8	20.2
119	101	Metalrax	119	...	4.2	17.8
131	130	Minerco	130	...	2.9	27.5
692	487	Molins	652	+ 2	3.3	11.5
359	293	Morgan Crucbl	357	- 1	4.6	17.8
235	178	Morris Ashby	235	...	3.3	17.0
36	28	Neepsend	25	+ 2	4.5	17.5
70	48	Neotronics	62	...	3.4	17.1
45	31	Newmark (L)	#31			
41½	16	Oldham Intl	19	...	11.5	
370	315	Oxford Inst	366	...	1.7	21.8
384	233	Powerscreen	380	...	3.1	12.8
15½	10½	Prospect Inds	12	...	8.9	6.1
73	67	Radiant Metal	67			
64	41	Ransomes	44			
88	73	Ricardo	73	...	8.2	14.8
344	265	Renishaw	325	...	2.5	25.8
212	180	Renold	211	...	1.8	29.2
36	40	Richards (Leics)†	40	...	6.7	17.8
38	34	Richardsn Westg†	32	...	5.2	
193	148	Rolls-Royce▼	192	+ 3	3.3	28.8
173	158½	Rotork	165	- 1	3.6	16.5
160	143	Rubicon	155	...	3.9	25.3
87	67	Senior Engg	87	+ 2	4.9	19.5
270	254	Spirax	265	...	3.3	17.5
609	498	Siebe	608	+ 6	2.3	19.8
88	65	Simon Eng	78½	- ½		
82	79	Six Hundred	81	...	2.3	28.8
1300	1034½	SKF 'B'	1225	- 12½	3.0	
507	423	Smiths Indt	507	+ 8	3.3	17.7
525	431	Spirax-Sarco†	525	+ 4½	2.7	18.8
279	227	Stirling Ind	272	...	3.2	17.6
388	328	TI	383	...	3.9	17.9
100	97	Tinsley (E)	97	...	7.2	13.2
88	51	Transfer Tech†	79	- 1	3.2	
149	127	Triplex Lloyd	148	...	5.9	
18	14	Ultra Inds▼	18	...	2.2	17.1
1790	1358	VSEL†	1783	+ 8	2.0	
15½	11½	Victaulic	14			
208	162	Vickers	205	+ 1	2.9	19.5
272	240	Victaulic	260	...	4.0	13.7
10½	8½	Villiers Grp	10			
584	506	Valiant	583	...	1.9	14.9
844	722	Vosper Thorny	824	+ 1	3.2	
492	444	Wagon Ind	486	...	4.7	24.7
293	222	Weir†	242	+ 4	3.6	18.6
47½	36	Wellman	46	...	2.7	75.1
463	390	Whatman	463	+ 2	3.0	15.4

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
39	31	AAF Inds	32			
250	153	Airflow Stream	241	+ 4	3.7	
48½	41	Armac	41	+ ½	4.9	9.5
510	449	Avon Rubber	510	...	4.2	18.2
222	181	BBA†	218	+ 4½	2.7	
71	49½	BSG†	68½	...	5.8	18.9
13	8¼	Benson Group	9¾	...	4.7	12.7
335	285	Bertrams†	323	...	2.3	18.8
24	17	Bostrom	20	+ 3	8.2	
13½	10	Coventry	11½	- ½	2.8	
357	323	ERF	346	+ 1	1.4	
435	370	Flat Tech	434	...	1.5	25.0
664	543	GKN†	640	+ 1	4.2	19.5
3056¼	2343¾	General Mtrt	2950	- 62½	2.5	
1152	921¾	Honda Motor	959½	+ 28¼	0.5	
375	304	Laird†	362	...	3.9	13.8
375	345	Lookers	375			
204	163	Lucas†	198	- 1	4.5	
68½	53	Mayflower	68½	...	2.7	17.9
71	59	Midlands	64	...	...	6.4
188	158	Syltone	163	...	3.8	18.1
173	140	T & N†	170	- ½	4.4	
355	324	Toyota Hldgs	354	+ 1	2.5	14.6

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
659	559	AB Food	648	- 7	3.1	13.3
267	223	Acatos & Hutch	234	- 11	4.9	9.8
48	38	Albert Fisher†	45	...	10.4	13.3
228	185	Banks (S C)	195	- 3	6.2	9.1
387	339	Barr (AG)	373	...	2.8	15.4
48	15	Bensons Crisp	18			
423	374	Booker†	418	+ 3	6.7	18.9
47½	31	Borthwick	38½	...	4.2	18.3
215	170	CPL Aromas	212	...	1.8	20.2
475	370	Cadbury-Schw	471	+ 2	4.2	14.6
267	239	Carrs Milling†	252	...	3.5	9.6
186	145	Cranswick	185	...	6.0	
136	93	Dalepak	109	+ 2	4.2	
445	379¾	Dalgety†	438	+ 3	6.2	12.2
54	34	Daniels St	38	...	0.5	
251	208	Dewe	234	+ 3	3.8	
86	62	Eunst	79	+ 2	4.3	19.3
8	3	Fastfood†	7½			
78	58	Finlay (James)†	60	...	8.6	12.6
15	10	Global	13½	...	4.9	
57	30	Grand Central	31			
458	409	Greencore	453	+ 8	2.9	11.9
116	91	Hazlewood Fds	104	+ 2	8.1	8.5
194	170	Hillsdown†	184	+ 1½	6.2	12.3
28½	22½	Hobson†	27½	-	1.8	
85	63	JLI Group	70	...	8.7	9.9
353	330	Linton Park	347	- 5	5.6	
121	95	Matthews (B)	119	- 2	3.3	11.5
238	211	Nichols (JN)	228	...	3.4	15.1
221	181	Northern	192	+ 1	5.7	9.9
11	8¼	Nthnbrn Fd	10½	...	...	20.3
230	80	Pascoe's	80			
71	60	Perkins Food†	66	- 3	8.4	9.3
133	110	SeaFood	111			
114	84	Sanby	102	...	4.2	7.3
78	62	Shis Food	73	...	12.8	
462	412	Tate & Lyle†	448	+ 1	4.8	12.1
281	284	Tesco	283	...	2.2	18.5
396	333	Unigate	381	- 1	5.8	10.4
1258	1124	Unilever	1228	+ 10	2.7	14.8
8437½	7200	Unilever (NV)	7859¾	+ 103¾	3.1	11.8
368	303	Utd Biscuits†	326	- 8½	5.9	14.0
38	33	West Trust	36	...	8.7	25.2
110	88	Yorkshire Food	100	+ 1	4.4	14.7

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
449	280	AAH	443	...	5.1	15.5
988	770	Amersham	984	- 1	2.2	18.9
57	44	Assoc	48	+ 1		
207	175	Assoc Nurs	178	...	1.6	18.4
303	238	Bespak	276	+ 2	4.6	14.2
88	66	Care UK	65	+ 3	0.5	24.3
94	77	Celsis	94	+ 1		
43	31	Cortecs	31	...		
246	198	Community H	243½	...	4.2	14.0
37	29	Crosslane	32	...	2.8	13.6
113	79	Endeavour	82	- 2	2.4	10.4
88	86	Ferraris Group	88	...	3.7	10.5
186	137	Goldsborough	163	- 1	2.5	14.6
10	8	Greenacrst	9¾	...	4.4	12.5
616	428	Huntleigh Tech	615	+ 2	1.2	27.5
77	45	Intercare Gp	65	...	6.5	12.1
282	235	Isotron	280	...	2.4	16.1
148	129	Life Sciences	148	+ 2	3.7	13.7
113	85	Lon Int	108	- 1		
93	41	Nestor-BNA†	79	...	8.4	
1½	...	Paradise Health	1¾			
288	230	Quality Care	285	- 3	2.0	14.1
170	118	Scholl	170	+ 1	4.7	
380	320	Seton Health	380	+ 4	2.4	
55	32	Shield Diag	48			
179½	152	Smith & Nephew	171	- ½	3.9	18.5
13	7	Specialeyes	13			
228	185	Takare	212	- 1	1.4	14.7
285	234	UniChem†	265	+ 3	3.4	13.7
351	293	West Hthcare	316	...	1.9	16.6

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
208	188	Airsprung	207	...	2.9	13.4
162	125	BLP Group†	150	...	2.5	
36	29	Bilston Bttrsea	34			
108	58	Coats Viy 'A'	59	...	9.1	
178	130	Creighton N	135	+ 2	7.1	8.5
168	141	Darby Group	166	...	2.3	18.0
155	138	Eadie	133	...	4.9	
5	2	Fairhurst	4½			
286	169	Magnet	288	...	3.9	12.6
283	243	Osborne	277	...	4.8	12.5
450	383	Osborne & Little	448	...	2.1	13.4
450	403	Pearson Zoh	418	...	4.2	12.8
420	365	Peterson Zoh 'A'	379	...	4.6	11.8
668	584	Reckitt Colman	664	- 1	3.5	58.6
291	259	Relyon	281	...	3.1	
285	244	Royal Doulton†	289	...	3.5	14.6
216	148	Silentnight†	208	- 5	4.8	13.4
32½	28	Snoddon	31	...	6.5	11.7
210	165	Tomkinsons	165	...	8.9	19.8
130	103	Victoria Carpet	104	...	5.4	5.9
108	94½	Walker Greenbk†	97½	- 1½	4.6	16.1
60	51	Wilson Widgett	57	...	1.8	
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	156	...	3.4	15.1

INSURANCE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1187½	Alex & Alex	1631¼	- 25	3.8	
2150	1767¾	Am Genl†	2125	...	3.6	
97	76	Amp	94	- 3	2.7	77.5
83	59	Archer	57	...	2.2	
89	81	Bradstock	82	...	8.7	9.3
561	385	Britannic	560	+ 2	3.1	...
97	84	CLM Insce	95	- 1	2.7	
618	473	Cmi Union	603	+ 5	5.5	11.2
103	78	Delian	98	- 3	1.9	
1660	1325	Dom & Gen	1480	...	2.5	15.2
180	158¾	FBD IE	178¾	...	4.2	
164	139	Fenchurch Gp	150	...	6.8	9.8
100½	82	Frizzell	100½	...	2.4	64.8
678	499	Gen Accident†	610	+ 6	5.9	9.0
206	160½	GRE†	203	+ 3	5.1	
97	79	HCS Lloyds†	95	- 1	3.8	
249	227	Heath C E	245	...	8.2	
228	203¾	Hibernian IE	218	- 1	4.6	
111	89	Hiscox Select	100	- 3	3.1	39.4
289	256	Independent	287	...	4.1	8.9
288	178	Irish Life	207	+ 4	6.5	18.2
135	118	JIB Group	129	...	7.3	11.5
102	89	Kiln Capital	101	...	5.0	
507	414	Legal & Gen†	502	- 1	5.4	22.1
1856¼	1296¾	Liberty Life	1700	- 31¼	7.5	
105	92	London Ins Mkt	101	- 3	2.5	35.2
175	142	Lloyds Thomp	175	+ 1	5.8	12.3
411	317	Lloyds Abbey	387	- 6	6.1	13.3
352	303	Lndn & Manc	349	+ 6	6.1	14.2
105	92	London Ins Mkt	101	- 3	2.5	35.2
169	144	Lowndes Lmb	165	...	5.8	18.2
5300	4787½	Marsh McLn	4987½	- 43¾	3.6	
101	78	Meadwell	97	- 4		
181	143	Minet Hldgs	147	+ 1	5.6	11.8
89	65	New London Cap	85½	- 3½	1.5	
51	34	Octavian	40	...	8.4	
119	80	Orion	98	...	6.8	
80	65	Premium Trust	79	...	4.9	30.4
111	85	Premium Under	105	- 2		
345	290	Prudential	342	+ 3½	5.3	16.0
36	13	PWS	18	...	2.4	
344	281	Refuge	344	...	4.5	23.9
333	251	Royal	328	- 1	4.6	5.7
160	146	Sedgwick	154	+ 2	5.3	15.7
122	89	Steel Burrill†	100	...	11.2	8.9
357	281	Sun Alliance†	351	- 1	5.6	11.1
92	65	Syndicate Cap	85	- 3	1.8	67.8
75	61	Trade Indemnity	72	...	1.7	32.9
344	302	Transatlantic	330	- 3	5.0	22.6
610	458	Utd Friendly†	583	...	4.2	15.1
172	135	Willis Corroon	169	+ 2	4.9	
24	19	Windsor	21	...	3.8	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
366	333	3i	365	+ 4	2.5	...
81	62	Abtrust Emrg	72½	...	0.3	
89	73	Abtrust High Inc	80	+ 2	9.4	
218	182	Abtrust N Dawn	217	+ 1	0.5	...
1899	1682	Alliance	1883	- 5	3.3	...
271	239	American Trust	265	- 2½	2.6	...
439	391	Angle & O'seas	433	- 4	2.1	...
151	113	Baillie Gifford SN	115	- 3½	...	...
197½	172	Bankers†	195	...	2.5	
44¾	32	Baring Em Eu	43	- ¼	0.3	
393	380	Baring Tribune	333	+ 2	2.5	
91	84¼	Br Assets†	85½	+ 1	6.1	
64¼	63	Br Empire Sect	64½	+ 1½	1.3	
33	25	Br Empire Wts	33			
222	194	Br Inv	220	- 1	3.0	
101	74¾	Brazilian	88¾	- 1½	0.4	
242	211	Brunner	242	+ 1	2.8	
132½	120½	BZW Conv	126	+ ½	7.8	
415	318	Candover	409	+ 2	3.7	
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth†	42¼	...	1.3	
176	144	Chars & Exeter	176	...	2.5	
186	161	City Assd	170	...	2.1	
80	70	Derby Inc	78	...	12.7	
335	278	Derby Cap	323	+ 15		
186	155	Drayton	167	...	13.4	
70	51	Drayton Blue	70	+ 2	16.3	
108	88	Dryth Eng Intl	107	...	0.9	
151	122	Dryth Far East	147	- 1	0.6	
694	617	Dunedin Inc G	692	+ 1	4.8	
91	78½	Dunedin Japan	79¾	- 1½		
369	298	Dunedin Smlr	369	+ 3	3.7	
42	22	Dunedin Wts	37	- 2		
750	678	Dunedin Wde	745	...		
105	82¼	Edin Dragon	104	+ ¼	1.8	
43½	23¼	Edinburgh Java	22½	- ¼	0.2	
319	281	Edinburgh†	314½	+ ½	3.7	
182	127	EFM Japan	134½	- 1½		
334	307	Electric Inv	333	+ 3	2.7	
204	180	Electric Gen	202	...	2.8	
189	174	Eng & Caledon	189	...	2.6	
128	108	English Scot	125	+ 1		
389	273	European Asset	389	+ 2	2.1	
188	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	188	- 1	0.2	
83	65	Fidelity Jap Val	68½	- 2	0.2	
94	81	Fidelity Spec Val	84	+ 1		
169	149	Finsbury 'A'	159½	+ ½	2.5	
80	62	First Scottish	80	...	0.4	
298	267	Fleming Amer	296	- 2	0.7	
79½	51½	Fleming Chinese	73½	+ 1	0.9	
39	22	Fleming Cl Wts	39	+ 1		
232	198	Fleming Claver†	230	...	3.1	
319	268¼	Fleming Contl†	319	+ 1	1.3	
159½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	149	- 1		
230	199	Fleming Entp	229	+ 3	2.8	
387	278½	Fleming F Eastn	333	- 1	0.6	
387	327	Fleming Fledg	382	+ 3	1.0	
105	89	Fleming Hi Inc	104	...	5.4	
87	67	Fleming Indian	74½	- 1	1.5	
46	33	Fleming In Wts	45			
39	29	Fleming Intl	39½	+ ½	11.6	...
258	208	Fleming Japan	214	- 5		
769½	252½	Fleming Merc	280½	+ 1½	3.1	
82	72½	Fleming Nat Res	80	+ 2		
307	269	Fleming Overs	289	...	1.8	
143	124	Foreign & Col	141	- ½	1.6	
107	91	For & Col Inc Gwth†	107	+ 1	3.8	
120½	83	Fgn Emg Mkts	117	+ ½		
74½	67½	Fgn Enterprise	74½	+ 1	1.3	
237½	204½	Fgn Eurotst	232	...	0.6	
130	115	Fgn German	125	...	0.5	
318	277	Fgn Pacific†	306	- 3	1.1	
130	120	Fgn FEP	129	...	3.4	
173½	153	Fgn Smaller	173½	+ 1	1.5	
108	80	Fgn US Smlr	107½	+		
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	19			
48	39	Fulcrum Inc	42	+ 1	25.8	
153	141	Fulcrum Zero	153	+ ½		
204	186	Gartmore Brit	203	...	4.5	
155	127	Gartmore Euro	152½	...	8.7	
98	84	Gartmore Shrd	98	+ 5¼	12.2	
239	207	G'more Smlr Cost	239	...	3.1	
108	84	General Inc Invt	88	+ 2	11.7	
180	138	Genl Cons Cap	160	+ 2		
112	104	Genl Inc	112	+ 1	10.4	
101	86	German Invt	98	...	0.3	
232	192	Gov Asn Sm Cos	227	+ 2	0.1	
119½	86	Gov Emg Mkts	104½	+ ¼	0.3	
152	135	Govett Am Smlr	150	- 1		
85	71	Govt Glob Smlr	78			
85	70	Govett High Inc	84	+ 1	8.4	
381	322	Govett Oriental†	353	- 2	0.4	
283	223	Govett Strategic†	282	+ 1½	3.2	
403	361	Greenfriar	403	...	2.1	
...	6½	Gresham House	6¾			
244	191	GT Japan	208	- 4	0.8	
128	113	H Govett Smlr Co	128	...	2.8	
124	113	Hend High	118	...	6.0	
285	256	Hend Strata	294	...	0.2	
104	80	Herald	97	- ½	0.6	
107	76½	HTR Jap Smaller	77½	...	0.7	
23	12	IBS Enl	15			
115	93	IBS UK Smlrt	113	...	3.1	
131	118	Inv Capt	131	+ 1	5.0	
87	76	Ind Bstrch	78			
32	20	Intl Wts	20			
149	122	INVESCO Korea	132			
96	82	J Fry 2nd UT	82	+ 1½	8.0	
94	83	J Fry Euro U	85	...	7.1	
226	177	JF Fledg Jap	187	- 3		
116	99	Jupiter Ind Em	115	...	3.7	
226	194	Klnwt Cht	225	+ 1	2.9	
121	95½	Klnwt E Mkt	113	+ 1	...	
119	110	Klnwt End	119	+ 2		
81½	73	Klnwt Euro Pnd	81	...	0.3	...
27½	21½	Klnwt Euro Wts	25½			
88	74	Klnwt H Inc†	86	+ 1	11.5	
249½	213	Klnwt O'seas	244	- 1	1.7	
131	111	Klnwt Smlr	131	...	2.1	
125½	71	Latin American	106½	- 2		
814	718	Law Debenture	813	+ 3	3.2	
106	94	Lazard H Inc	96½	...	8.3	
93	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	92½	+		
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Div	26	...	17.5	
119	102	Lloyds Sm Ptg	119	+ 1	3.8	
175	160	Lon St Lawrence	174	...	4.5	
90	76½	Lon Smaller Co's	89	...	4.6	
320	283	Lowland†	316	+ 1	3.8	
1387½	1125	Lyderburg	1125	...	1.9	
618	583	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	613	+ 3		
135	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	125	+ 3	24.4	
2865	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2860	+ 20		
313	243	M&G Dual Inc	253			
68½	60	M&G Inc Geared	63½	...	10.0	
39½	28¼	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	30	+ 1		
37½	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34	...	18.9	
125	116	M&G Inc Package	125	+ 1	5.0	
67½	54¾	M&G Inc Zero Div	61			
30½	27	M&G Rec Cap	28½			
58½	55½	M&G Rec Geared	57½	+ ¼	8.4	
30	28	M&G Rec Inc	29	...	17.8	
138	127	M&G Rec Package	138	+ 1½	3.5	
84½	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	84½	+ ½		
116	100	M Curie Euro	112	...	0.4	
140	119	M Curie Pact	138	...	0.1	
203	182	Majedie	203	...	3.3	
57	42	Marlin	42			
276	241	Merchants†	274½	...	5.2	
89½	78¼	Mercury Euro Pv	88½	...	0.8	
32	27¼	Mercury Eur Wt	30			
95	78	Mercury World	87	+ 1	0.9	
31	14½	Mercury Wld Wts	19½			
547	482	Monks Inv Tst	545	...	1.6	
147	125	Morg Gren Inc	147	+ 3	4.3	
53	40½	Morg Wts	50	+ 1	...	
86	48	Morg Lato Amer	67½	...	...	
49	20	Morg Wts	35	...	...	
121	104	Murray Em▼	120	...	2.2	...
34	23	Murray Em Wts	28	...		
93	73	Murray Emg Eco	85	...	...	...
40	25	Murray Em Ec Wt	30½	+ ½	...	...
61	54	Murray Euro	59	...	0.7	
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	13	+ ½		
352	308	Murray Income	352	+ 2	4.3	
352	296	Murray Intl	350	...	4.5	
173	162½	Murray S/C Inc	173	+ 1		
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	151	+ 1		
81	73½	Murray S/C Inct	76	+ 1	17.4	
3150	2900	Murray S/C Ult	3025	...	4.4	
468	376	Murray Small	455½	+	1.2	
361	308	Murray Vent	360	...	4.6	
19	16	Newmarket	18			
61	53	Nelberry Inc	61	+ 1	10.0	
79	61	Nthmp Cap	76			
355	316	O'seas Inv Tst	354	- 1	1.2	
189	158	O'seas Wts	180	+ 2		
545	382	Pacific Assets	545	+ 12	0.3	
445	388	Pacific Inv	433			
95	73	Perpetual Jap	80½	- 1		
242	216	Perpl UK Sm Co	242	+ 1	1.1	
8900	8425	Personal Assets	8875	+ 25	3.8	
125	107	Pilot Inv	112½	+ ½	1.7	
88	78	Piper Euro Sm	82			
101	87¼	Prolific Inc	100½	...	0.9	...
182	164	RIT Cap Ptns	181	...	1.8	
30½	26½	River Merc Am Cap	30½	+		
101	97	River Merc Am Inc	100	...	9.9	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	8½			
136	114	River Merc Cap	125	+ ½		
96	77½	River Merc Ex Inct	96	...	10.2	
16	9	River Merc Ex IncWt	13			
83	76	River Merc Grd Inct	83	+ 1	11.3	
38	25½	River Merc Grd Pf	28½			
112	106	River Merc Ist Inc	112	+ 1	10.1	
132	112	River Merc Sm Co	132	+ 1	3.9	
35	20	River Merc Sm Wt	35	+ 1		
417	394	Robeco	417	...	3.4	
435	398	Rolinco	435	...	1.7	
89	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	76	- ½		
44	25	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	33¼	-		
879	635¾	Schrod Korea Fd	639½	- 11¼	0.2	
463½	295½	Sch Korea Fd Wt	295¾	- 5½		
119½	109½	Sch Spl Zero Div	119¼	+ ¼		
30	24½	Sch Split Fd Cap	25¼	+		
113	101	Sch Split Fd Inct	101½	...	9.2	
103	88	Schrod Ltd Inc	101½	...	1.8	
36	28	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	35			
232	200	Scot	230	+ ½	1.9	
166	147½	Scot American	165	...	3.8	
298	216	Scot Asian	294	+ 1		
805	555	Scot Wts	805	+ 20		
86½	74½	Scot Eastern	85½	- ½	2.3	
240	208	Scot Mtget	238	...	2.3	
92	78½	Scot Nat Tst†	87½	+ 1	10.7	
112	100	Scot Valuet	110	+ 1	2.3	
1708	1483	Second Alnce	1693	- 1	3.2	...
90½	76	Secs Tst of Scot†	90	+ ½	4.7	
143	124	Selective Asst	128	+ ½	1.6	
132	123	SHRESCOT†	132	...	5.4	
39	31½	Sphere Invt	39	+ ½	12.4	
338	289	St Andrew Inv	328	+ 1	3.1	
365	318	Temple Bar	364	...	4.8	
106	90	Thrntn Asian E	105	+ 1½	0.6	
48	16½	Throg Dual Cp	46	+ 1		
84½	68	Throgmorton	84½	+ ½	3.4	
125	98	Updwn Emg Mkt	124	...	0.7	
158½	139½	TR City Of Lon†	158½	+ 1½	4.1	
179	159	TR Euro Growth	178	...	1.2	
161	127	TR Far East†	161	+ 1	4.7	
114	80	TR Pacific	112	+ ½	0.2	
31½	27½	TR Property	30½	+ 1	4.0	
198	171	TR Smlr Cos	197	+ 2	2.4	
121	100	TR Tech Inv	121	+ 1	1.8	
241	177	Tudey Invst	218	...	1.1	
338	217	USDC Invest	238	...	2.4	
108	93	Undervalued Asst	108	+ 2	2.0	
119	108	Value Inc Tst	117	+ 1	4.7	
38	30½	Warrants & Val	32¼	+		
64	56	Wigmore†	57	...	1.6	
242	211½	Witan	240	...	3.2	
98	86	Yeoman Inc	88	...	19.2	

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LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34	25	Abdn Stk H	25			
448	409	Airtours	425	- 3	3.5	9.3
27	17	Aid Leis	26			
153	133	Alpha Airpst	152	- 1	3.8	
47	38	Accalaurt	41	...	2.4	
163	111	Baldwin	163	...	3.1	12.1
235	213	Barr & Wallt	213	...	6.5	9.4
260	210	Bluebird Toys	220	- 3	4.5	8.2
370	333	Boosey Hawkst	378	...	2.0	21.3
3¼	2	Brent Walker	2½			
185	150	Bristol Scotts	150	...	3.8	22.1
29½	12	Castle Plc	15	- ½	0.2	8.3
281	251	Chrysalis	261			
88	70½	City Centre Restt	88	+ 3	2.8	17.6
358	305	Compass Gp	356	+ 6	2.5	18.4
287	238	Eurocamp	287	+ 2	4.6	12.8
250	118	Euro Disney	227	- 1		
165	93	Eros Leisure	115	...	...	...
450	363¾	Fairline Boats	420	...	5.1	19.1
124	105	First Choice	123	+ 1	3.9	32.2
299	262	First Leisure	299	+ 3	2.9	19.0
251½	224½	Forte†	240	- 4	3.9	24.6
175	143	Friendly Hotelst	146	...	4.9	
595	476	Granada	589	...	2.1	17.3
125	108	Groupe Chez Ge	124	...	0.8	17.2
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	34½	+ ½	5.8	
135	96	Hornby	112	...	5.6	21.0
203½	156¾	Jarvis Hotel	193½	- 10	3.5	17.5
21	14¾	Kunick	18¾	- ¾	5.1	20.2
316	264	London Clubs	308	...	5.5	
187½	161	Ladbroke†	183	...	4.1	55.6
84	41	Magnolia	47	...	0.3	...
160	122	Man Utd	150	...	3.6	12.6
97¼	64¾	Mandarin Ornl	76½	- 3½	4.5	17.1
12½	8¼	My Kinda Town	9¼	- ½	1.4	12.6
82	66	Northern†	80	...	6.2	13.3
85	70	Pelican Gp	83	...	1.9	17.3
152	121	PizzaExpress	152	+ 1	1.7	18.8
111	80	Prism Leisure	80	...	6.5	5.7
270	217	Ransdens (R)	268	...	2.1	31.2
441	358	Rank Org	432	+ 8	3.8	21.2
32	26	Ryan Hotels IE†	30½	...	5.3	
950	905	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	913	...	1.0	
89	76	Stakis	88	+ 2	2.2	30.7
394	341	Stanley Leisure	369	...	1.9	20.3
346	280	Tenjong	348	...	1.0	
1247	997	Thorn EMI	1245	+ 29	3.7	20.1
169	117	Tottenham Hot	137	+ 4	0.9	14.2
183	161	VCI†	176	- 6	3.0	
156	129	Vardon	151	...	1.2	21.2
6½	2¾	Wembley	2¾	+ ¼		
135	98	Zetters Gp	114	...	10.4	8.9

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
370	335	Abbott Mead†	364		2.5	23.5
310	276	Adscene	295	...	3.0	18.5
29½	22	Aegis Gp	29	...	...	11.6
7¾	2¼	Allied Radio	2¾	...	...	...
13	11	BBB Design	11	...	...	30.4
213	155	Barbour Index	213	+ 4	5.1	19.0
6½	4¼	Birndale	4¾	- ¼	...	...
335	315	Black (A&C)†	328	+ 8	5.3	11.6
256	174	Blenheim Gp†	256	+ 17	5.1	15.9
333	196	Border TV	325	...	2.4	13.7
358	350	Bristol	352	...	4.6	
290	242	B Sky B	273	- 1	...	61.4
150	126	CIA Gp	150	+ 1	1.6	32.9
33	22¾	Caledonian Med	28¾	...		
459	343	Capital Radio	459	+ 3	2.3	26.0
975	851	Carlton Comm	943	+ 1	2.9	14.5
95	85	City of Lon	95	+ 4	6.2	
149	82	Cordiant	105	...	...	17.5
1425	1350	Daily Mail	1421½	...	1.4	24.1
1390	959¼	Daily Mail 'A'	1198½	...	1.7	20.3
406	395	Dorling Kindt	384	...	1.1	36.3
449	395	EMAP	449	+ 3	2.5	24.8
769¼	584¾	Elsevier	722¾	- 4		
1655	1395	Euromoney Pb	1408	+ 3	3.9	19.8
14½	10	Focus	14½	+ 2½		
415	333	Flextech	401			
138	108¾	GWR Gp	138	...	1.5	27.4
169	143	Gold Greenless	167	...	3.0	29.2
26	18	Goodhead	18	...	3.3	
320	261	Grampian†	315	...	3.6	
202	132	HTV Group†	191	- 3	1.5	27.9
58	37	Harrington K	38	...	3.2	
358	288	Haynes Pub	293	...	3.8	16.3
372	298	Hodder H'line	372	...	2.8	
162	140	Home Counts	140	...	4.9	
308	248	Independent	288	...	3.8	13.8
285	229	Ind Bus Comm†	284	+ 1	2.9	13.9
135	112	Interscope	114	...	8.6	28.4
148	138	Johnston Press	143	- 1	1.8	18.1
21	15	Lopex†	20	...	1.6	
92	63	MMD	89	...	...	17.6
565	538	Metal Bulletin	552	...	2.7	25.1
126	109	Midland Indt	117	+ 2	3.5	13.2
148	120	Mirror Gpt	137½	+ 1½	3.2	9.5
445	344	More O'Ferrall	440	...	3.8	20.4
353	231	News Corp	335	- 1	0.4	22.6
320	207	News Intl	302	- 10	1.0	5.9
35	21	Ogilvy Comms	21	- 3	1.2	15.4
619	539	Pearson†	599	+ 9	3.1	17.6
270	175	Phonelink	256			
606	580	Portsmth Sund	593	...	2.3	12.2
250	210	Quartet	240	...	3.3	11.5
873½	712	Reed Intl†	870	+ 1	3.1	
499	404	Reuters	480	- 8	2.1	23.0
291	222¾	Scott Radio	281	+ 1	2.6	32.2
483	380	Scot TV†	446	- 4	3.9	78.6
32	20½	SelecTV	27½	...	...	48.3
41	32	Shandwick	38	...	4.3	8.7
252	222	Southnews	252	+ 10	2.2	
98	29	Sterling Pub	26	...	17.5	2.5
137	120	Sunset & Vinet	124	...	4.8	10.5
38	33½	Taylor Nelson†	35	...	2.3	
483	355	Telegraph	398	+ 6	4.1	17.0
885	725	Thomson Corpt	865	...	4.4	14.5
374	332	Trinity Intl	360	+ 2	3.7	15.0
836	632	Ulster TV†	814	...	3.1	19.5
546	464	Utd Newspapst	534	+ 14	5.4	14.0
106	86	VTR†	104	...	5.0	10.8
13½	8	WMGO	9	+ ½	14.7	4.2
119	101	WPP	119	+ 1	1.2	15.0
538	386	Yorkshire TV†	476	...	1.0	50.9

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3693¾	Ang Am Coal	4181¼	...	2.7	
3740¼	2846¾	Ang Am	3321½	- 43¾	2.1	31.9
6487¼	4975	Ang Am Gold	5021¼	- 56¼	4.7	
29	22	Anglo Pac Res	29	+ 1		
1800	1271¾	Ashanti	1521¼	- 12½	1.0	18.4
117	93	Ashton	104	- 2	4.7	
245	155	Bakyrchik	200			
422	337¼	Beatrix	390	- 7	4.8	30.9
34	29	Blackis	30	...	3.0	
117½	83¾	Blyvoors	97¼	- 1½		
37	27	Bougainville	30			
18	9¼	Bracken	9¼	- ¼	9.1	
583¾	353¼	Buffels	374¼	+ 1¼	13.8	
4	1½	Bute	2¾			
917	781	CRA	866	+ 2	3.1	21.5
56	43	Central Pacific	52	- 2		
35	41	Cluff Res	35			
120	78	Coal Inv	102			
225	150	Cons Murchison	150	- 13	4.0	4.2
1800	1262¾	De Beers	1650	- 25	3.1	19.5
108¾	55	Deelkraal	55	- 1	8.2	5.1
69¾	32¾	Doornfontein	43	+ 2¾		
971¾	734¾	Driefontein	818¾	+ 1½	5.4	11.6
795¼	588	Durban	639¾	- 3¾		
188¾	127¼	E Rand Goldt	142¾	- 2¾	14.3	
78½	54½	E Rand Prop	54½	- 1		
70	45	Eastern Trans	62	...	3.6	15.8
458½	273	Elandsrand	273	- 4¾	4.0	8.3
398	350	Eng China Clt	375	...	5.4	18.4
975¾	620¾	FS Const	623¾	- 3	7.3	
62	38	FS Dev	45	...	2.6	
3081¼	1418¾	GFSA	1650	...	2.9	19.0
60	40	Gld Kalgoorli	54	+ 4	2.5	21.1
227¾	188¾	Gencor	199¾	- ½	1.6	39.4
152	118	Gold Fields Prop	144	...	7.1	6.7
18¾	12¾	Gruenwich R 'A'	14¾			
163¾	122½	Grootvlei	124¾	+ 2¾	6.8	7.4
94¾	76¾	Greatla Cons	85½	- 2¾	7.0	11.1
619¾	457¾	Harmony	457¾	- 11¾		
256¾	183¾	Hartbes	183¾	- 3¾	13.8	6.1
1575	1150	Impala Plat	1398¾	+ 6¾	1.8	43.7
132	83	Kelston	100	...	12.0	9.0
1087¾	596¼	Kinross	596¾	- 9¾	10.8	6.2
946¾	620¾	Kloof	670¾	- 4	5.2	6.4
124¾	78	Leslie	78	- 1½	13.8	4.8
268	174¾	Lorraine	212	- 12		
31	12	Mexichrome	14			
3	3	Mhangura	3			
113	79	MIM	81	- 3	2.8	
1782¾	1250	Minorco	1575	...	2.6	29.8
181	120	Monarch	126	- 2		
110	89	Moranagio	95	...	3.9	7.5
103	92	NSM	101	...	...	9.5
174	133	Nth Bkn Hill	152	+ 3	3.2	23.7
50	50	Oryx Gold	50			
98	65	Pancontinental	80	- 1		
265	123	Petaling Tin	194	...	1.0	
182	123	Placer Pac	144	+ 3		
431	317	RJB	393	- 3	4.0	
848	721	RTZ†	831	- 9	3.5	14.9
32	26	Rietspruit	26			
725	562¾	Rand Mines	725	...	0.9	
727¾	321	Randfontn	327½	- 5¾	14.2	4.4
240	176	Renison	190	- 3		
1753¾	1283¾	Rustnbg	1381¾	- 31¾	2.1	34.1
77	48	St Barbara	48	...	2.8	12.7
623¾	436	St Helena	530¾	- 9¾	11.0	
280	207	Sons Gwalla	260	...	4.3	17.8
23	16	Silem Pacific	18	- 2		
1846¾	1353¾	Southvaal	1428¾	- 25	5.4	18.5
115	74¾	Stilfontein	94¾	- 1½	24.1	3.0
194	123¾	Unisel	134¾	- 6¾	6.9	6.6
5800	3358¾	Vaal Reefs	3712¾	- 3¾	5.7	6.3
12¾	8	Vankie Col Z	12¾	...	9.9	3.0
1¾	¼	Water Hall	1½	...	...	2.3
533	473	Weils Blaket	500	...	3.4	17.7
2587¾	1831¾	Western Deep	1893¾	- 9¾	4.5	7.0
379	382	Western Mng	337	- 7	1.6	36.9
881¾	515¾	Winkels	515¾	- 56¾	9.2	7.2
48	34	Zambia Copper	36			
58	36	Zandpan	38	...	11.1	9.0

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
47	41½	Aran Energy	41½	- 1		
48½	19	Arcon Intl	21			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	40¾	+ ¼		
58	47	Aviva Pet	56			
285	220	Br Borneo	277	...	3.4	12.8
317½	280¼	British Gast	299	+ 1½	6.1	32.8
471	392	Br Petroleum†	448½	- 6½	3.1	13.8
3	2¼	Bula Resources	2½			
929	815	Burmah Castrl†	925	+ 10	4.1	18.2
97	71	Calra Energy	96			
280	252	Caltex	267	...	5.9	14.0
49	35	Clyde Pet	46	...	2.7	20.6
11¼	5¾	Conroy Res	10¼	- ¼		
2¼	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
22	18½	Edo Oil & Gs	19	...	...	31.7
424	372½	Enterprise†	412	- 5	4.9	38.1
280	230	Fina	235	...	5.2	
7¾	5	Fortune	6¾	- ¼		
75	62	Goal Pet	72½	- 1½	2.6	23.7
42	22	Gt Western Res	32			
176	129	Hardy O & G	172	- 2	0.7	22.0
55	38	Kell Energy	50			
180	139	Lasmo	167	+ ½	0.7	
56	33	Lasmo Units	39	...	28.6	
65	50½	Monument	64½	...	...	56.8
7¼	4¼	New London	4¼			
2675	2134¾	Norsk Hydro	2606¾	+ 28¾	1.6	14.6
5	3	Oceanics	3¼			
48	38	Oil Search	45			
39½	27¾	Petrolex	36½			
29½	23	Premier	27½	- ¼	...	16.7
43	11	Presidio	11			
16	68	Pittencrieff	10	- 2		
389	221	Ramco Egy	350	- 7	0.4	
453	355	Ranger	415	- 10	4.8	
8069½	6065¾	Royal Dtch R	7787½	- 100	4.5	14.8
4196½	3216½	Schlumberger	4078¾	...	2.3	
49	29	Scott Pickford	34	...	3.3	6.5
103	84	Seafield	100			
783	687	Shell	771	- 5	4.4	17.2
116	116	Sovereign Eng Sv	#116			
4228½	3234¾	Total	3859¾	- 40½	3.9	
10½	8½	Vilers Grp	10			
264	221	Woodside	262	+ 8	1.4	
58	33	XCL	35			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BWD	84	...	6.2	8.1
132	126	Baltic Plc	132	...	2.8	7.1
78	50	Barry Bch Wts	53	...	6.2	
160	148	Biotec Inv	157	...	...	...
150	112	Brewin Dolphin	149	...	4.2	11.4
664	625	Caledonia	646	+ 2	3.2	17.7
2400	2125	Camellia	2281¼	...	1.8	6.1
22½	16¼	Carlisle	17½	...	3.6	18.6
191	142	Cattles†	184	- 3	3.9	16.2
35	21	Christie	21	- 2	...	46.4
17	13½	EFG†	14	+ ½	4.5	8.1
79	61	EFI Group	77¼	...	3.8	13.3
775	707	EPM	743	...	4.0	15.2
186	153	Exco†	157	- 3	4.8	8.0
87	57	First Nat Fin	86	...	2.2	54.9
185	161	Gartmore	178	...	3.9	14.9
373	256	Govett	280	- 2	6.5	4.7
1148	953	Henderson Ad	1130	...	5.0	15.7
211	162½	Invesco†	207	- 1	2.9	18.2
49	43	Investment Co.	46	...	4.8	14.7
231	200½	Ivory Sime	213	...	4.4	16.6
249½	196½	Jardine Stra	206	- 6½	4.4	6.9
144	95	Johnson Fry†	104	...	2.4	5.8
166	131	Lon Forfaiting	163	+ 1	7.1	14.2
132	116	Lon Scot Bk	132	...	3.9	17.3
175	158	Man ED & F	168	...	6.4	9.2
1143	953	M & G	1103	...	3.4	19.3
372	224	MAI	286	+ 2	3.7	13.4
106	88	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf†	100½	+ ½	7.3	
908	620	MAM†	809	+ 3	4.0	
133	96	Nat Home Loan	112	...	...	3.9
1500	1150	Perpetual†	1365	...	3.3	14.8
609	575	Provident	609	+ 15	4.2	15.0
310	245	Rathbone Bros†	308	...	3.6	
28½	24½	Rutland Tst†	26	...	4.8	11.3
324	281	S & U†	295	+ 3	5.3	8.9
240	135	Savills	233	...	4.8	8.7
133	105	SIP Capital	122	...	3.1	8.7
499	410	Smith New Ct†	424	- 3	2.9	4.9
78	60	Tourry Law	61	...	9.4	14.5
26	16	Tyndall Hldgs	16	...	0.8	36.3
26	21	Western Selectn	21	...	1.5	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	530	+ 5		
345	123	Cantab Pharm	138			
308	239¼	Celltech	304			
144	92¾	Chiroscience	141			
46	31	Cortecs	45			
191	103	Fisons†	178	+ 2½	3.0	
749	587	Glaxo Wellcome	726½	+ 7½	4.8	16.6
125	100	Grampian Hldgt	125	...	5.8	16.0
254	182	Medeva	234	- 2	1.6	16.8
1¾	½	Premier Health	½	-		
288	230	Profile	285	- 3	2.0	14.1
439	273	Scotia	406			
532	444	SmithKline†	505½	- ½	3.2	15.0
513	416	SmithKline Unit	483½	+ 2½	3.3	14.4
1680	650	Wellcome	1668	+ 6	2.7	23.0
939	840	Zeneca	934	- 3	3.6	21.1

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
133	120	AG Holdings†	127	...	5.4	12.4
444	377	API†	442	...	2.7	19.3
283	219	Arjo Wiggins†	268	- 5	3.4	14.2
178	162	Aspen Comm†	177	+ 2	3.8	15.8
412	347	Bemrose	411	...	4.0	13.6
491	387	Bowater†	482	+ 5½	3.5	15.6
2518¾	1675	Bowater Inc	2487½	- 18¾		
304	260	Buzzacott	302	+ 3	1.9	15.8
572	474	Br Polythene†	571	...	3.0	15.2
40	22	Bt Thornton	36	...	6.9	3.2
148	112	Boldon Grpt	147	...	2.1	16.8
201	159	Bunzl†	198	+ 4	3.2	16.4
156	138	Capital Inds	149	...	3.9	10.6
2731¼	3046	Cartem Mil	2728¾	+ 28¾	2.0	
282	237	Cropper (James)	238	...	1.8	12.6
1054	864	De La Rue	983	+ 18	2.7	17.5
80	32	Delyn Group	64	...	3.5	
106	93	Dolphin Packt	106	...	5.3	
92	81	Fairway Group	89	...	5.1	14.5
345	295	Ferguson Intl	341	...	5.8	
125	102	Ferry Pick	123	...	5.9	12.0
170	138	Inveresk	169	+ 1	4.1	15.5
295	245	Jarvis Porter	277	...	2.7	
488¾	381	Low & Bonar	488½	+ 4½	2.9	16.3
54	50	MY Holdings†	51	...	4.2	12.4
189¾	152¾	Macfarlane▼	184	+ 1½	2.2	19.5
189	130	Photobition	180	...	4.2	13.1
223	163	Plysu	214	- 1	4.1	34.9
378	324	St Ives Gpt	378	+ 5	2.3	20.5
1329¾	978	Sappi	1255½	- 23¾	0.4	
9½	6½	Saxon	7½			
205	139	Sidlaw†	149	...	9.2	10.9
590	490	Smith David	583½	+ 3½	2.6	17.7
405	355	Smurfit (Jefft)	365	+ 5	2.0	
99	82	Sonic	92	...	3.7	9.8
48	31	Unit Group	35			
253	213	Wace†	236	...	2.8	11.3
216	187	Waddington (J)	188	- 1	5.7	61.3
414	358	Watmough	410	+ 6	2.4	
159	136	Wyndeham	149	- 1	2.4	19.0

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	71	Allied Lont	74	+ 1	6.6	8.8
273	255	Argent	273	+ 2		
77	67	Adelphi Ests	67			
118	103	Asda Prop	118	...	2.5	36.3
252	211	Baird	245	+ 2	5.1	17.5
215	176	Bolton	177	...	4.8	15.4
24	7	Bolton GpA	20	- 1		
73	48	Bourne Endt	55	- 1	2.5	
186	171	Bradford	179	+ 4	4.7	15.1
133	113	Brighstone	133	...	4.0	53.8
413	354	Br Land	413	+ 10	2.4	38.2
192	164	Brixton†	192	+ 4	5.5	18.0
118½	81	Burford	108½	+ ½	2.0	28.8
101	97	CLS Hldgst	98	...	4.3	13.4
152	131	Cap & Regnlt	152	...		
217	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	217	+ 5	4.0	25.9
228	158	Cardiff Prop	158	...	2.1	26.1
29½	18	Cathay Intl	18½			
171	143	Chelsfield†	171	...	1.8	37.2
453	433	Chesterfield	450	...	3.7	
88	62	Chesterton Int	64	...	6.4	10.8
53	45	City Site Ests	48	...	...	11.2
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7	...	3.6	10.5
77½	50	Compco	70	...	7.1	6.2
29	19	Con Hildst	24	...	3.4	38.2
1185	1180	Daejan	1185	...	3.1	12.2
7¾	3½	Davis Estates	7			
5½	5½	De Morgan	#5½			
65	61	Debenhm Twsn	72	...	6.1	11.4
163	143	Dencora†	144	...	3.2	23.6
281	225	Derwent Hldgs†	278	...	2.2	14.5
19½	13	Development Sect	14½	+ ½	5.0	
45	36	Dwyer	36	...	2.6	17.0
33	26	Elsco	27			
370	250	Estates Agency	360	...	4.7	
23½	16	Estates Gen	16½			
112	83	Evans Of Leeds	107	+ 5	3.0	17.9
25	19½	Ex-Lands	20	...	2.6	27.4
88	62	Fiscal Propt	62	...	3.8	57.8
56	23½	Five Oaks†	24	...	3.1	10.1
32	19	Fletcher King	21	...	8.9	10.4
48	41	Folkes Group†	47	+ 6	4.1	
47	34	Folkes Group nvt	47	+ 6	4.2	
463	405	Frogmore	463	+ 5	4.6	17.7
283	236	Grainger	263	+ 3	2.8	14.5
191	164	Gt Portland	191	+ 9	5.4	32.7
142	117½	Greycoat	142	+ 1	0.5	
38	22	Hambro Cntryt	24	...	0.2	
352	310	Hammerson†	351	+ 12	3.6	24.5
319	300	Helical Barr	319	+ 4	2.5	
28½	22½	Hemingway†	27½	+ ¼	1.8	21.4
27	7	Herring Baker	18			
50	31	High-Point	38	...	3.3	
141½	109	HK Land	128	- 3	5.6	
160	153	Jermyn	155	+ 1	0.4	
625	545	Land Sec	620	+ 3	5.2	17.4
328	305	London Inst	305	...	4.1	16.7
37	30	Lon & Assoct	34	...	2.5	17.8
9	5½	Lon & Metro	6	...	...	0.2
88	88	Lon Merch Sec	97	+ ½	5.4	16.1
407	365	MEPC	401	+ 7	6.2	23.4
7¾	5½	McInerney A	6½			
165	130	McKay Secs	132	+ 1	4.9	12.6
66	48	Markheath	65	...	6.2	7.8
32	25	Moorfield Es	28	...	4.5	13.2
1125	850	Mountview	975	...	2.9	7.5
148	124	Mucklow (A&J)†	135	...	5.9	17.6
1	¾	OGB	¾	...	...	1.0
32	23	Olives Propt	25	...	1.5	
143	125	PSIT	129	...	4.7	17.2
270	204	Peel	267	+ 2	2.3	36.1
173	145	Pillar Prop	165	- 2	2.8	
2¾	1¼	Power Corp	2¼			
6½	4¾	Premier Land	4¾	...	...	16.6
86	70	RPS Group	83	...	4.4	11.6
34	23	Raglan	29	...	4.5	
28	19¾	Regalian	21¼	+ 2¼	...	5.3
155	100	Rowltson Secs	128	...	1.8	8.1
101	98	Rugby Est	98	...	2.6	
50	40	St Modwen Prp	48	...	4.1	8.8
65	54	Savills Grpn (J)	55	...	6.4	13.1
63	43	Savills	57	...	4.9	9.2
79	67	Scot Met	77	+ ½	4.1	13.3
90	86	Shaftesbury	90	...	2.1	19.6
240	208	Slough Estates	237	+ 6	4.3	26.6
210	185	Smart (J)	202	+ 7	3.9	17.5
55	40	Southend Prop	48	- 1	7.6	
110	103	Specty Shops	106	...	1.5	
42½	35	TBI	40	...	...	1.9
167	158	Tops Ests	159	- 1	1.8	40.5
100	94	Town Centrel	98	...	3.9	17.5
91	78	Trafford Park	91	+ 1	4.4	14.9
23	16	Trencherwood	17	...	...	6.7
34	39	Utd Land	44			
217	192	Warner	200	...	7.1	19.5
233	225	Warnford	233	...	4.2	
74	63	Wates	70	+ 1		
35	25	Whitney Mck	26			
66	43	Wood John D	45	...	5.6	9.7
19	2	YRM	8½	...	...	...

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
84½	64¼	ASDA Group	82½	- 1½	2.8	18.9
331	254½	Argyll	325	+ 6	4.6	13.7
582	455	Brake Bros†	578	...	1.5	18.4
37	33	Budgen	30	...	4.2	18.2
16	11½	Cullens	15½	- ½		
82½	58¾	Dairy Farm Intl	62½	- 1½	6.0	9.3
355	343	Farepak	350	...	2.5	18.1
56	38	Fitzwilton	45	...	6.4	19.0
110	98	Fyffes	109	...	1.7	15.6
199	154	Geest†	189	...	6.0	13.3
1168	1048	Greggs†	1145	+ 2	2.5	16.0
189	142	Iceland Group†	179	...	3.7	10.7
611	519	Kwik Savet	604	+ 1	4.0	11.3
16½	10	Merchant Retail	16½	+		
147	132	Morrison (W)†	146	+ 5	1.0	14.7
191	126	Nurdin Peacket	187	- 1	4.6	
128	99	Park Foods	110	...	2.9	21.2
2	1½	Regina Hlth	1¾			
447	403¾	Sainsbury Jt	440	+ 4	3.3	14.8
290	236	Tesco†	288½	+ 8½	3.7	14.1
175	142	Thorntons	165	...	3.8	13.5
413	358	Watson& Philip	413	...	4.6	14.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
32	21	Alexon	26			
244	205	Allders	235	- 1	3.5	13.3
434	324	Argos Plc	419	- 4	3.1	18.8
86	63	Ashley (Laura)	76½	- 1½		
140	65	Appley	80	...	9.5	6.6
225	205	Austin Reed†	211	...	3.6	12.2
146	123	Beattie (J) 'A'†	141	...	5.7	15.6
122	111	Bentalls†	112	...	2.4	11.5
52	38½	Betterware†	40	...	8.1	
38	30	Blacks Leis	38	...	7.4	
184	117	Body Shop	122	- 8	2.5	9.9
545	465	Boots	517	- 6	3.7	16.5
240	80	Brown & Jackson	133			
239	205	Brown (N)	228	+ 2	2.7	
86½	68	Burton	85	+ ½	3.0	22.0
150	92	Carlos	98	+ 1	6.1	14.2
278	235	Carpetright	273	+ 2	3.8	19.4
178	132	Christies Intl	165	- 1	1.5	28.0
489	450	Church	455	...	3.8	19.0
98	67	Clinton Cards†	83	...	7.1	8.1
110	84	C'try Casuals†	107	...	5.0	
813	763	Courts	775	...	1.8	39.4
197	183	Crown Eye	193	...	6.5	8.1
292	238	DFS Furniture†	291	...	3.2	21.9
250	186	Dixons Grp	249	+ 3	3.4	28.4
580	580	Dyas (Wmbldn)	580	...	4.0	25.3
10	7	ERA Gp	7½	...	...	11.7
167	98	Essex Furn	121	...	4.8	13.5
236	170	Etam	215	...	4.6	17.1
396	320	Fine Art Dev	387	- 1	5.1	
66	37	Fired Earth	48	...	...	21.3
114	81	Flying Flowers	108	- 1	2.2	14.1
295	256	French Conn	291	...	...	12.3
375	307	Frost Group†	360	...	2.8	22.5
59	46	Gieves	58	- 1	3.8	
146	112	Goldsmiths Gpt	146	+ 1	2.6	13.2
609	508	GUS	597	+ 2	2.8	17.2
218	179	Hamleys†	218	+ 3	4.0	18.3
56	25	Hampton Gpt	54	+ 1	2.8	14.6
175	142	Hse of Fraser†	148	- 2	4.6	19.1
83	73	Hughes (TJ)	73	...	4.7	
328	229	JJB Sports†	328	...	2.3	
488	379	Kingfishert	464	+ 2	4.1	14.7
150	95	Kleeneze	148	- 2	1.3	42.1
315	208	Liberty†	243	...	3.7	28.3
305	184	Lloyds Chemst	222	+ 2	5.5	7.2
134	108	MFI	129	- 1	4.0	16.1
436½	371	Marks Spencer	418½	- 2	3.1	18.2
548	500	Menzies (John)	546	+ 2	2.8	12.9
440	338	Moss Brost	439	+ 1	3.4	
332	252	Next†	332	+ 2½	3.4	17.4
54	27	OEM	54	+ 2		
96	88	Oliver (G)†	92	...	1.4	14.4
93	73	Partridge Fine	73	...	5.7	8.2
155	107	QS Hldgst	135	...	4.8	15.9
19	7	Rhino Grp	15			
131	113	Ruseles	128	...	4.7	14.8
113½	96	Sears	109	+ ½	4.5	15.9
24	13	Signet Group	13			
484	327½	Smith WH	338	+ 5	5.8	17.4
888	638	Sothebyst	828	- 12	3.2	39.5
260½	209	Storehouse	267½	+ 20½	3.0	17.4
306	168	Stylo	189	...	4.8	10.6
173	143	T & S Storest	170	...	4.8	
125	98	Tie Rack	125	...	2.3	13.1
4½	1	Upton & Southn	2			
504	424	Vendome	504	+ 16	2.3	23.0
35	24	WEW Group†	31	...	2.8	26.2
67	57	Wid of Leather	58	...	3.2	12.4
181	155	Wyevale	180	...	3.4	17.3

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	481	Allied Domecqt	530	- 8	5.6	12.5
436	390	Bulmer (HP)	434	...	3.2	23.5
121	96	Burn Stewart	106	...	5.9	21.8
410	352	Grand Met	392	+ 1	4.6	17.4
489	404	Guinness	484	+ 1	3.6	15.2
445	337	Highland Distt	358	...	2.6	16.2
217	175	Macallan-Glen	184	...	0.9	44.6
710	600	Marstn Mgn 'A'	675	+ 22	2.0	
617	532	Matthew Clark	617	+ 3	3.8	28.3
88	61	Merydew W	81	...	3.9	...
174	129	Taunton Cider	168		5.0	13.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
110	73	ACT Group	110	...	6.0	11.6
758	620	ADT	730	- 23		
41	34	Alphameric	35	...	...	26.7
74	43	Asia Sec	56			
138	101¼	BET Old	121	+ 1	3.6	17.3
178	143	BNB Rest	165	+ 1	4.2	14.4
273	220	BPP	272	...	4.4	17.7
166	131	BSM	165	+ 1	4.9	12.6
5¼	¼	Black & Edg	4½	- ¼		
800	500	Borland	762½			
215	105	Brit Data Mgt	133	...	5.1	9.4
81	59	Brooks Servicet	80	+ 7	3.5	
98	75	CRT Gpt	97	...	4.3	23.8
188	138	Capita Group	184	...	2.2	18.9
344½	277½	Chubb Sec	332	- 10	2.5	19.3
269	223	Compr People†	269	...	1.4	33.3
86	61	Corp Servicest	81	...	3.1	12.8
61	48	Coutts Consltg	60	...	3.1	
247	204	Davis Servicet	246	...	4.5	15.1
75	56	Dudley Jenkins	68	...	6.2	12.9
94	34	EW Facl	39	...	15.8	5.4
143	136	El Data Prc	138	...	1.8	13.5
322	280	Hays†	320	- 1	2.5	19.1
190	145	Hogg Robnsn	180	...	5.1	11.6
2000	1628¼	ISS B DKr	2000	+ 12½	1.3	18.2
168	152	JBA Hldgst	168	...	2.5	
273	227	Johnson Clean	273	...	4.9	
111	88	Kalamazoo	98	...	4.4	11.1
308	239	Kewill Sys	305	...	3.1	11.2
19	15	Laser-Scan	15			
203	77	LBMS	203			
5	2	Lep	3			
383	301	Logica	383	...	1.7	20.6
107	65½	MDIS	92	...	8.5	30.2
208	184	MMT Compt	190	...	3.6	13.4
128	78	MR Data Mgt	90	...	7.7	11.1
450	368	Macro 4	450	...	5.7	12.7
2140½	1634½	Manpower†	1840½	- 15½	0.4	
840	678	Micro Focus	715	+ 10	...	22.3
138	102	Microgen	138	...	7.1	13.9
433	305	Misys	356	+ 2	3.0	11.1
229	197	MITIE Gp	229	...	1.4	23.3
28	22	Nova Group	22½	...	1.1	8.6
25	17	OIS Intl	19	...	4.0	
24	18	Orbis	22	...	3.6	
125	74	P & P	101	...	3.2	12.4
129	110	Michael Paget	127	...	3.0	14.2
149	108	Parity†	143	- 2	1.5	19.9
208	138	Pegasus†	195	...	3.2	14.5
110	89	Pewa	92	...	5.4	
73	44	Prestont	49	+ 1	10.2	
305	260	RCO	270	...	7.4	9.8
41	33	Radius	40	...	3.3	13.9
183	150	Real Time	166	...	3.0	12.5
144	123	Reed Executive†	124	...	2.8	
155	142	Reliance Sec	155	...	4.0	23.6
268	212½	Rentokil	264	- 1	1.6	22.5
143	135	Ricardo Group	142	...	5.3	17.7
185	158	Rolfe & Nolan	165	...	3.8	26.3
990	682	Sage Gpt	950	+ 2	1.5	15.9
290	228	Salvesen (C)	269	+ 4	3.8	13.9
101	79	Sanderson Elec	101	+ 4	4.0	12.8
15½	12	Select App	15½			
410	380	Serco Gpt	382	...	1.3	18.2
295	238	Servisair	293	...	1.7	24.4
201	156	Servomt	191	...	2.5	
138	88	Shared Compt	138	...	1.8	
105	83	Sketchley	103	+ 1	4.2	
18½	11	Standard Pfd	17	+ 1		
189	187	Stat-Plus†	189	...	6.3	17.7
265	116	Unipalm	242	+ 8		
16	11½	Vistec	14½	- ¼	3.4	8.0
49	40	WSP Hldgs	48	...	5.2	12.8
295	245	Warner Howard†	282	...	3.5	

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
411½	364½	BT	403½	- 2½	5.6	15.5
430	350½	Cable Wireless	422	- 5	2.7	36.2
1570	1480	Securicor	1570	+ 52	0.3	35.8
1003	900	Securicor 'A'	980	+ 40	0.4	22.4
875	738	Security Serv	875	+ 43	0.9	24.4
188	147	Telewest	162	+ 3		
213½	177½	Vodafone	207	- 2½	1.8	26.8

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	50	Albion	53	...	5.7	2.8
149	115	Alexdra Wf	148	...	5.1	16.7
259	223	Allied Text	246	...	3.5	15.1
84	72	Altina	84	+ 5	12.7	
34	31	Automagic	31	...	...	7.8
245	200	Baird (Wm)†	240	+ 1	4.9	16.4
47	36	Beckman (A)†	41	...	10.3	
269	229	Black (Peter)	269	+ 4	2.7	15.7
121	111	Bridport-Gndry†	116	...	3.4	13.6
213	180	Br Mohair	212	...	5.3	14.1
36	24	Campari	#25			
84	68	Cassidy Bros	72	...	4.8	9.2
185	171	Claremont Plaques	174	- 1	5.2	22.9
323	282	Claremont Gst	321	...	3.5	15.7
218	166	Coats Viyella†	211	+ 4	5.0	14.4
507	410	Courtauld Text	498	+ 8	3.8	15.5
135	114	Dalymen	114	- 1	6.6	5.9
124	92½	Dawson	119	+ 2	3.2	
175	129½	Dewhirst (IJ)†	171	...	1.9	
41	30	Dome Heel	35	...	5.0	10.1
38½	25	Drummond	36	...	...	16.1
26	13	Ebel	17			
68	50	Faupel	50	...	12.2	8.1
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21	17	Foster (John)	18½			
95	83	French	83	...	5.5	11.3
102	72	Gent SR	97	...	3.0	21.6
103	85	Haggas	101	...	3.7	13.9
17	7½	Halstone	14½	...	2.8	
27	21	Helene Plc	24½	...	10.9	
241	213	Hicking Pntcst	229	...	2.7	16.2
26	21	Hollas†	24½	...	3.1	
71	51	Honeysuckle	51	...	7.4	5.9
133	80	Horace Small	119	+ 4½	...	9.5
218	187	Jacques Vert	217	...	3.0	9.0
71	56	Jerome (S)†	69	- 1½	2.7	7.5
378	327	Jones Stroud	377	...	3.0	18.3
141	118	Lambert	131	...	6.8	10.1
357	283	Lamont	354	...	4.6	16.8
274	241	Leeds	259	+ 2	3.0	13.5
73	63	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	7.8	12.2
84	59	Lyles (S)	63	...	5.0	7.1
27	23½	Marling	24½	...	3.3	
10	10	PEX	10			
168	135	Parkland†	154	+ 2	4.5	
132	102	Pentland†	132	+ 2	2.9	20.1
73	56	Pittards	57	...	4.4	16.0
78½	58¼	Readicut	68	+ 1	6.6	
66	61	Restmor	62	...	5.6	6.6
51	43	Richards	51	+ 2	5.0	
76	50	SEET	71	- 2		
104	75	Sherwood Gpt	103	...	3.9	13.4
142	123	Shont	132	...	3.6	8.7
107	90	Shear	103	...	6.7	14.5
56	51	Stirling Gp	56	...	4.4	15.5
21	13	Strong & Fisher†	14	...	8.9	10.3
40	34	UK Safety†	40	...	8.1	48.8
172	114	Ulster (Frank)	161	...	6.2	9.5
143	109	Wessent	120	- 2	4.5	13.1
280	244	Yorkyde	277	...	3.3	9.9

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	61	Air Londont	69	...	6.3	13.1
769½	629½	All Nippon Air	700½	- 6	0.3	
300	262	Assoc Br Ports	287	- 5	2.4	18.3
505	414	BAA	500	- 1	2.3	19.1
155	130	Badgerline	144	...	3.9	14.6
100	42	Berkeley Bus	44			
438½	348	Br Airways	414	- 2	3.8	10.3
51	25	Central Tran R	46			
115	93	Clarkson (H)†	110	...	2.3	
193	153	Cityoport	191	- 2	3.3	17.6
167	142	Dart	167	...	2.9	16.1
233	193	Eurodollar	229	...	4.8	17.9
324	179	Eurotunnel Uts	194			
65	50	Fisher (James)	65	...	1.9	13.6
555	438	Forth Portst	525	- 28	2.4	
285	230	GRT Bus	271	...	2.0	
226	166	Go-Ahead	224	...	2.2	24.2
250	198	Goode Durrant	248	...	3.2	19.3
135	102	IoM Steam	102	...	5.4	13.4
69	52	Jacobs	59	...	2.1	
77	67	Lon O'Seas Fts	75	...	1.2	
440	358	Mersey Docks	438	...	3.0	17.3
189	158	NFC†	177	+ 2	5.0	18.2
387	289	Natl Express	373	...	3.0	14.4
332	261	Ocean Group†	330	- 1	5.4	21.6
83	68	Ocean Wilson	82	+ 1	4.9	11.9
618	549	P & O Dfd†	608	+ 7	6.3	18.2
193	187	P & O 5.5%†	191	- 1	3.6	
93	87	Seacon	91	...	3.3	47.0
298	198	Stagecoach	214	...	2.6	21.3
110	79	TNT	94	+ 3		
713	600	Tibbet & Britnt	535	...	3.8	12.6
237	184	TDG	235	...	5.1	15.7
128	82	Upland	107	- 1	2.8	
111	90	Utd Carriers	110	...	5.6	20.8

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
538	443	Anglian	533	+ 19	5.5	12.0
349	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	321	- 2	4.6	10.8
616	483	North West	615	+ 21	4.6	8.2
930	678	Northumbrian	930	+ 26	3.4	10.0
584	475	Severn Trent	567	+ 6	5.2	9.4
2225	1855	South Staffs	2215	...	3.1	13.4
533	459	South West	527	+ 8	6.7	10.1
640	517	Southern	637	+ 24	4.7	9.2
516	456	Thames	507	+ 18	5.7	7.6
679	567	Welsh	643	+ 10	5.1	7.1
319	252	Wessex	313	+ 5	4.9	8.2
595	472	Yorkshire	595	+ 19	4.9	8.7

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101[illegible]	100[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	100[illegible]		10.18	6.20
104[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	102[illegible]		12.39	6.43
106[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	13.36	6.40
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	14.18	6.50
107[illegible]	106[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	106[illegible]		12.49	6.63
104[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.60	6.87
98[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	98[illegible]		7.07	7.12
109[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	109[illegible]	+ [illegible]	12.11	7.10
105[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.98	7.09
103[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	103[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.49	7.27
116[illegible]	114[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	116[illegible]	- [illegible]	12.88	7.39
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123[illegible]	120[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	123[illegible]	+ [illegible]	12.59	7.49
113[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	113[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.60	7.59
106[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.97	7.59
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94[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	94[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.36	7.58
109[illegible]	105[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	109[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.37	7.70

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
105[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.55	7.63
101[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	101[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.88	7.63
122[illegible]	117	Treas 13% 2000	121[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.87	7.75
110[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	110[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.09	7.78
96[illegible]	90[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	96[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.28	7.73
110[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	110[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.86	7.88
101[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	100[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.94	7.87
112[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	112[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.98	7.93
118[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.90	7.94
80[illegible]	73	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80[illegible]	+ [illegible]	4.37	6.49
110[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	103[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.64	7.95
92[illegible]	87[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	92[illegible]		7.29	7.87
104[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	104[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.15	7.90
110[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	110[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.61	7.95
127[illegible]	119[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.98	8.09
99[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	98[illegible]	- [illegible]	7.85	7.92
100[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	100[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.93	7.92
120[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.75	8.10
104[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	104[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.14	7.92
134	126[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133[illegible]		10.11	8.09
108[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	108[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.29	7.92
101[illegible]	94	Treas 8% 2009	101[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.91	7.92

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
85[illegible]	79[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	85[illegible]	- [illegible]	7.32	7.80
110[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	109[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.21	7.93
110[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	109[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.19	7.92
79[illegible]	72[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79[illegible]	+ [illegible]	6.93	7.71
101[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	100[illegible]	- [illegible]	7.93	7.89
99[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.83	7.89
109[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	109[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.02	7.87
138[illegible]	127[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	137[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.74	8.07

UNDATED

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
44[illegible]	40[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	44[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.82	
31[illegible]	28[illegible]	Treas 2½%	31[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.98	
49[illegible]	45[illegible]	Consols 4%	49[illegible]	- [illegible]	8.14	...

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
210[illegible]	201[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	210[illegible]	+ [illegible]	0.92	2.95
111[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111[illegible]	+ [illegible]	2.05	3.05
176[illegible]	165[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176[illegible]	+ [illegible]	2.85	3.32
172[illegible]	161[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	172[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.03	3.40
115[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.06	3.40
181[illegible]	169[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	181[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.16	3.43
164[illegible]	152[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.23	3.46
170[illegible]	157[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.29	3.49
140[illegible]	129[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.31	3.50
150[illegible]	137[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.38	3.53
144[illegible]	131[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	144[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.41	3.56
120[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.40	3.53
119[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	119[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.42	3.56



■ CANNES

The Deep South is the unlikely location for Terence Davies's new film, *The Neon Bible*



■ DANCE

Fiona Chadwick supplies most of the magic in London City Ballet's *Giselle* at Sadler's Wells

THE TIMES
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■ THEATRE

In Hampstead, *Jeff Banks Loves My Sister* proves less intriguing than its title might suggest



■ CONCERT

At the Festival Hall, American maestro Leonard Slatkin again shows a rare feel for English music

Lessons from the Bible Belt

CANNES: **Geoff Brown** reviews the new films by Terence Davies, John Boorman and Wim Wenders



It could have been an open invitation to rampant Americana and revival meetings — but in *The Neon Bible* Terence Davies maintains a tight control over his material

Until now I had always thought that Terence Davies grew up in Liverpool. I stand corrected. The anguished director of *Distant Voices, Still Lives* was clearly born in America's Deep South. At least, that is how it seems from his striking but problematic new film **The Neon Bible**, presented in competition on Tuesday.

His material may be an American novel by John Kennedy Toole. His actors and location may be American. But one whiff of the hero's Bible-Belt childhood, one glance at those neatly patterned images, and we know we are in Davies country.

His ability to transfer his personal world of loneliness, guilt and family strife across the Atlantic gives the film an eerie, disembodied feeling. Toole's story — about a boy in the Forties growing up with a mentally fragile mother and a flamboyant aunt — is an open invitation to rampant Americana, revival meetings, broad southern accents. But Davies keeps things tightly controlled; so much so that for the first time in his films you feel style beginning to outstrip content.

Magic moments remain. Only Davies could make a hand reaching out to touch the moon seem so free from sentimentality. He also coaxes poetry out of digital technology, elongating the young hero David into his teenage equivalent through the miracle of morphing.

Elsewhere, the vigorous symmetry of the shots, the parade of faces speaking straight to camera, make much of the film appear static and over-deliberate. Gena Rowlands, used to emoting at full blast in John Cassavetes's films, must have felt in a straitjacket trying to play Aunt Mae, the nightclub singer who brightens David's life.

In general, the competition films continue to disappoint. Hou Hsiao-Hsiem, the Taiwanese master of *A City of Sadness*, is at his most inscrutable in **Good Men, Good Women**, a complex analysis of Taiwanese history that would probably be fascinating if only you could penetrate the stylistic fortress Hou places around his material.

If Hou's film has too much intelligence, John Boorman's **Beyond Rangoon** has too little. A star other than Patricia Arquette would certainly help this galumphing yarn about an American tourist aghast at human rights abuses in Burma. But that would still leave unresolved the political naivety, and the synthetic feel to these jungle adventures. "Blanket for you?" a smiling face says as Arquette finally reaches a relief camp. Yes, and the Burger King is on your right.

Wim Wenders's recent films have been so long and aggravating that **Lisbon Story**, lightweight at a mere 100 minutes, comes as a pleasant surprise. The film emerged from a documentary project, and its best features remain the sounds and sights of one of Wenders's favourite cities. The worse are some childish comments about the state of cinema, the impassive Rüdiger Vogler, and embarrassing attempts at slapstick comedy.

Laughter in general is hard to find, unless you count the trade-press advertisement for *Reptile Man*, featuring Tony Curtis in a green jumpsuit and cape, golden coloured underpants and a smirk. But Gus Van Sant got us all chuckling with **To Die For**, a breezy satire on America's vacuous TV culture. Handsomely packaged and slickly written by Buck Henry, the film almost counts as a mainstream product. That is just the medicine Van Sant needed after the dishevelled *Even Cowgirls Get The Blues*.

Yet his iconoclastic spirit still pokes through this hilarious story about Nicole Kidman's small-town girl lusting for TV glory. Few other directors would treat the idiot teenagers who become Kidman acolytes with such affection.

No fond feelings are served by **Kids**, the inflammatory first feature by the 52-year-old photographer Larry Clark. In America, controversy has been raging over whether this raw drama about New York teenagers on the loose could ever be passed for public exhibition. It isn't what you see that hurts: promiscuity, vicious beatings and drug-induced stupors are part of the movie's diet. Only the youth of the characters may come as a shock.

My own worries, though, were mostly aesthetic. When would the babble of voices die down? Where was the drama to give the film tension and shape?

Comedy of gross errors

THEATRE

Jeff Banks Loves My Sister
Hampstead, NW3

LOOKING perfectly hideous in her detested bridesmaid's frock, lipstick horribly smeared, actress Ann Bryson crawls in on her knees, head in hands, groaning "Oh God". That appears to be it as she buries her face in a cushion, seemingly ending it all there and then. After a time, however, she resurfaces. This is not a piece of good luck. An hour later, the crass humour of this one-woman show — an unhappy marriage of stand-up and a wannabe stageplay — had driven me into the ground.

Ann's own lot looks glum to begin with, this being the morning of her spitefully pretty sister's wedding. Ann has a hangover from hell after stag-partying with the lads, and that's before she finds the groom stone-dead and starkers under her sofa. Indeed she comes close to offering up her own boyfriend to replace him at the altar, habituated to sacrificing her happiness for her spoilt sibling. Yet, ultimately, Ann has a happy ending, walking up the aisle in her sister's wedding dress, being filmed by *The Clothes Show* as Bride Of The Year.

This must be a comic conclusion. But the comedy, en route, is lamentably childish. It largely consists of Bryson grossing us out. Staggering heavily towards the kitchen amid the beer cans and fag



Ann Bryson: lamentably childish one-woman show

packets, she re-emerges clutching headache powder. She empties the sachet into last night's lager, takes a swig, nearly swallows a soggy cigarette butt then, unfeasibly undeterred, stomachs the rest. She exits to the bathroom whence we hear retching sounds. She re-enters with a spew-spattered towel.

Bryson, pushing the boundaries of just how foetid a person can be in the privacy of her own flat, may be liberatingly unladylike, but you would have to have downed all the beer in sight to find this funny.

Her performance has not become polished since the Edinburgh Festival. The monologue does touch on issues of sibling rivalry, women's low physical self-worth, and their persistent dreams of white weddings. But the wit is smug and strained.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE IN LONDON: **Debra Craine** on fine productions of two great Romantic ballets

Fond farewell to the Wright stuff

Coppélia
Covent Garden
Giselle
Sadler's Wells

Peter Wright's farewell present to the company he has nurtured for the past 20 years is yet another exemplary production of a classic. Birmingham Royal Ballet must count itself one of the luckiest classical companies in the world: Wright's versions of *Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, Giselle* and *Nutcracker* are among the best anywhere. And now comes **Coppélia**, arriving at Covent Garden two months after its premiere in Birmingham, to complete the Wright legacy.

What is the secret of his success as a producer? Respect for the past and an awareness of the present. Even in a Romantic ballet such as *Coppélia* Wright finds a contemporary dramatic resonance and develops it elegantly, without resorting to twee patronisation. He is helped by his designer, Peter Farmer, whose lovely sets and costumes maintain an atmosphere of comic lightheartedness while illuminating the dark undercurrents of superstition and magic.

On Tuesday night, Miyako Yoshida — Birmingham's star ballerina — led the cast. She, too, is leaving at the end of this season, headed for the main company at Covent Garden.

Yoshida is well suited to the role of the strong-willed Swanilda. Her mime is endearingly emphatic, her pretty chin is proud with obstinacy and her sense of mischief so palpable it seems to kindle the courage of those around her.

As for the choreography, she makes it look effortless, as if she is breathing the steps rather than applying them to her body. Even her insouciant mimicry of the Spanish and Scottish dolls in Dr Coppélius's workshop finds her slipping into the differing styles with ease. And her tidy allegro footwork, every step so exactly enunciated, is a delight.

Kevin O'Hare was charmingly roguish as her intended Franz, while Michael O'Hare was profoundly sympathetic as the lonely doctor intent on bringing his mechanical doll to life. Two big black marks against the company, though: some sloppy ensemble work, especially from the men on Tuesday night, and a screechingly bad performance of the Delibes score by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia in the pit — a case of indigestion in the wind section.

DEE CONWAY



Fiona Chadwick and Roland Price in LCB's *Giselle*

London City Ballet is at Sadler's Wells Theatre this week with its **Giselle**, also handsomely designed by Peter Farmer. Again Farmer has chosen a traditional look, to match the approach of producer Galina Samsova, who has given LCB an attractive, straightforward middle-scale production that serves the story well. Just what the company needs.

On Wednesday night (and again tomorrow night) the title role was danced by a guest artist, Fiona Chadwick, late of the Royal Ballet. Chadwick is a lovely dancer, well remembered for her dramatic integrity. Her Giselle took her time winning our hearts. Act I had its strengths: her tender belief in the superstitious nonsense with the flower petals ("he loves me, he loves me not"); the mixture of fragility and fire in her dancing.

But while she tossed away both her grace and her beauty in the mad scene, the transformation didn't quite cross the necessary line into dementia. Chadwick's glorious moment came in Act II, where her eloquent and generous arms decorated a delicately balanced vision of ghostly desire.

What a shame that around her members of London City Ballet were busy making a mess of things. The Peasant pas de deux was distinctly ropey; peasants and friends generally made a shoddy display of themselves; and Beverly Jane Fry's Myrtha was irritatingly heavy-footed. Roland Price was a competent Albrecht.

CONCERT: Modern British works eloquently performed by an American conductor

Striking proof of faith in the new

Philharmonia/ Slatkin
Festival Hall

NEXT to the music of his native America, the conductor Leonard Slatkin has long since demonstrated a comparable passion for British music, as he did again in this concert with the Philharmonia Orchestra.

And not just the established classics of our repertory. Slatkin also champions works by the younger generation of British composers, such as the Scottish-born James MacMillan. The conductor has previously performed four of MacMillan's often challenging compositions in this country, and with this concert he added a fourth.

He was joined by the virtuoso percussionist Evelyn Glennie for *Veni, veni Emmanuel*, the Latin tag of an Advent plainsong hiding a lengthy and intricate percussion concerto which Glennie premiered at the 1992 Proms and which she has since recorded.

Of course, anything that is violently loud and rhythmic is sure to attract easy public acclaim, but in the case of this piece, while the exposure to continuous thumps and thwacks can sometimes seem unremitting, there is a musical mind at work behind them.

Glennie trotted dutifully back and forth between gongs and an arsenal of drums, while Slatkin drew out the notes of the titular chant in their various guises as a musically unifying theme.

If this was not a wholly convincing demonstration of the idea that such devotional music can be enhanced by percussion decoration — except perhaps in a highly poetic marimba passage — there can be no doubting the committed skill of the soloist, the firm direction of the conductor, and the resilience of the orchestra.

In a programme sponsored by Bupa for the Council for Music in Hospitals, whose president, the bass Ian Wallace, spoke to the audience of more than 3,500 hospital concerts organised every year, the Philharmonia strings had the platform to themselves for Sir Michael Tippett's *Corelli Fantasia*. It was played with eloquent balance between the three subdivided groups, if not entirely with the desirable warmth of timbre.

William Walton's First Symphony of 1935, which Slatkin believes embodies the spirit of its time in its seething restlessness, here had the benefit of a performance that generated a burning conviction from within the music.

On other occasions the work has sounded more incisive or assertive, but here the conductor's steady regard for underlying pulse as well as for instrumental detail resulted in a compelling impact.

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"Before you judge me, try hard to love me," Michael Jackson pleads, on his much-hyped new single



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Revving up for their own *Grand Prix*, Teenage Fanclub could well be heading for the No 1 spot

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■ POP 3

... while Chris Isaak produces some of his best songs on the aptly titled *Forever Blue*



■ POP 4

... and veteran guitar slinger Chuck Prophet hits the road again with his old fluency intact

Not bad, no thriller, but still off the wall

NEW RELEASES: Michael Jackson has the hype, but the Wildhearts, Fannies and Chris Isaak grab the glory in **David Sinclair**'s book



"Stop questioning me, you make me want to scream," Michael Jackson orders on his new single, and brings in his little sister Janet to back up the force of his demand

MICHAEL JACKSON
Scream
(Epic XPCD 651)

SINGLE

IT WILL go down as the most efficiently hyped single in the history of pop. Like an invading alien force in a science-fiction B-movie, Michael Jackson took over the nation's radio and television airwaves at 7.45am last Friday. And yet, as the spin doctors at his record company were quick to point out, it takes two to tango. The ruse only worked because all those TV news producers and radio DJs actually played the damn thing at the moment the embargo was lifted. And presumably they were responding to their audiences' continuing appetite for the Jackson saga.

> "Is this the sound of pop's most colossal marketing opportunity yet?"

What they all heard was a hard, thrusting, aggressively noisy dance track more in the style of Janet Jackson's *Rhythm Nation 1814* than that of her elder brother's usual fare, and it is no coincidence that *Scream* is performed as a duet with Janet, who also claims a share of the songwriting credits.

"Confrontational" is the word being bandied around to describe the song, although anyone hoping to be confronted by a tune is in for a disappointment.

The B-side, *Childhood*, could not be further removed from the industrial bump and grind of *Scream*. A treacly ballad, it is arranged for piano and strings after the fashion of a Bing Crosby or Nat "King" Cole record, and sung by Jackson in a sad falsetto.

The lyrics of both songs make pointed references to the recent tribulations which this strangely isolated artist has suffered in his somewhat-less-than-private life: "Before you judge me/Try hard to love me," Jackson pleads in *Childhood* and, in more "confrontational" mood, "Stop questioning me/You make me want to scream."

These personal expressions make a change from the idealistic platitudes of *Heal the World* and *Black or White*, but still a nagging doubt remains. In America, where the single is being sold as a double A-side, an Epic executive candidly explained to *Billboard* magazine that, between them, *Scream* and *Childhood* "can pretty much serve Jackson's entire birth-to-death demographic" (which is record company speak meaning that it will please everyone from hip hop kids to hip-replacement grannies).

So, are we being offered the heart and soul of a man who just happens to be the biggest pop star since Elvis Presley, or is this the sound of the pop world's most colossal marketing opportunity yet? The jury is out on that until the arrival of the new Jackson album on June 16.

Prophet motives

What makes a fine guitarist and better lyricist keep on coming back for less?



Chuck Prophet: great name, great future behind him

What is it like to be a musician and songwriter with talent, soul and no little charisma, who is destined to travel the dusty back-roads of rock'n'roll without ever joining the main highway to fame and fortune?

Arriving in a town near you this week is just such a man. His name is Chuck Prophet, he lives in a one-bedroom, rented apartment in San Francisco and, at 31, he has a great future behind him.

As the guitarist in Green On Red from 1984 until 1991, Prophet signed his name to eight albums that encompassed some of the most stirring American rebel-rock music of the 1980s.

Dan Stuart, his partner in the group, was a man with a feverish whine of a voice, a prodigious capacity for drink, and the ability to bring a flash of warped, bohemian genius to songs that celebrated some of the grungier aspects of the human condition. With a playing style rooted in country and the blues, Prophet supplied a twang that could either caress an aching heart or cut to the emotional quick.

The partnership has since dissolved — "Every band has its natural lifespan, then you've got to move out of the house," the philosophical Prophet says — but even before then Prophet had made his first solo album.

"As soon as we finished *Here Come the Snakes* [an unrecognised masterpiece from 1989] the record company went bankrupt. Dan and I had both had the rug pulled from under our feet, romantically, monetarily, musically ...

"So I collected these songs and started playing with a group of people in a bar where nobody ran the [mixing] board, and everybody played too long and it was just a mess."

From these bar-room sessions a backing band and a set of songs emerged which Prophet recorded "when no one was really looking" on a budget of $800. The resulting album, *Brother Aldo*, released in 1990, was enough to set a solo career lurching into fitful motion.

Prophet is now on to his third such album, *Feast of Hearts*, a collection of songs with a quiet, understated charm presented in a defiantly retro soft-rock vein. His lyrics, like his conversation, are full of pithy detail ("The days crawl by, single file"; "The telephone's deep in a coma") and his voice has a pleasantly rounded tone. But without Stuart to provide that peculiarly manic edge, Prophet's sound has veered towards the middle of the road.

"I wanted to make music that is timeless," he says. "I certainly can't compete with anything that's fashionable or trendy." But he bridles at any suggestion that he is going soft or turning into a Tom Petty wannabe.

"I think I'm as cool as anybody. I'm boxing in the dark with as many demons as P.J. Harvey or any of those people. Sure, I'd love to do something that was a big hit. But I think things start to get a bit complicated on that level. I have a hard enough time unplugging the phone right now. My world is really quite small and I try to keep it simple."

Now cast in the role of veteran guitar-slinger who chooses not to compete with the "new kids" that have taken control, Prophet still commands considerable loyalty and affection. When Bob Harris ran a competition on his BBC Greater London Radio show last week to win copies of *Feast of Hearts*, it prompted a huge response. And Prophet's guitar playing at a short, pre-tour gig at Eve's Club in London on Monday was a model of fluent grace and economy.

"All the people whose records I liked, the fire was there, but the guitar whispers in your ear: Lindsay Buckingham on those Fleetwood Mac records, J.J. Cale, Clapton when he wasn't showing off," he says. "I just think it should draw you in."

DAVID SINCLAIR

● *Feast of Hearts is released on China Records (WOLI061)*
● *Chuck Prophet plays King Tut's Wah Wah Hut, Glasgow (0141-221 5279), tonight and the Roadhouse, Manchester (0161-237 9789), tomorrow. His tour ends at the Borderline, W2 (0171-734 2095) on June 2*

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Stanley Road	Paul Weller (Go! Discs)
2	Nobody Else	Take That (RCA)
3	Singles	Alison Moyet (Columbia)
4	P.H.U.Q.	Wildhearts (East West)
5	The Colour Of My Love	Celine Dion (Epic)
6	I Should Coco	Supergrass (Parlophone)
7	Greatest Hits	Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
8	The Complete Stones Roses	Stone Roses (Silvertone)
9	Natural Mystic	Bob Marley & the Wailers (Tuff Gong)
10	Picture This	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)

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Ginger group makes a big noise

THE WILDHEARTS
P.H.U.Q.
(East West 0630-10404)

ALBUMS

IT HAS arrived a bit late because two of the inside cover illustrations had to be removed, but *P.H.U.Q.* is still an album that in no way compromises the Wildhearts' assiduously cultivated reputation for delinquent lyrics and distasteful artwork. It is also the group's best shot yet at hitting the big time.

The 13 tracks, all written by Ginger — singer and mainstay of the operation — come bristling with fat, choppy riffs, and stomping choruses which marry the sound of modern heavy metal to the yob-populist tradition of Slade.

A wealth of peachy tunes such as *Just in Lust* complement a handful of monster grooves, notably *Caprice*, all pursued with irreverent and lusty vigour. With not a ballad in sight, it is a rocking experience from start to finish.

TEENAGE FANCLUB
Grand Prix
(Creation CRE 173)

ONE of the new breed of British indie bands who combine youthful enthusiasm with a keen sense of pop history, Teenage Fanclub prefer a stylish, descending bass line and a traditional, harmony chorus to radical noises or moody expressions of angst.

While delving liberally into the songbooks of their own pop heroes — Byrds and Beatles-type harmonies abound, and *Sparky's Dream* bears a remarkable similarity to the Who's *Pictures of Lily* — the Fannies bring enough ideas of their own to make *Grand Prix* go with a genuine 1990s swing.

CHRIS ISAAK
Forever Blue
(Reprise 9362-45845)

ON *Forever Blue*, Chris Isaak has reproduced an apparently genuine love letter written by him to a lover who cut him loose. The heartache leaps from the page: "Do you still go to that village place for breakfast? Do you sleep with somebody else now?".

Although there is something kitsch about putting such a document on public display, it is unquestionably the kind of emotion that Isaak does best. *Forever Blue* is a return to the intensely sad songs that marked his work of the 1980s.

Although lacking the dolorous twang of guitarist James Calvin Wilsey, the album bears the usual Isaak trademarks: lean, echoey arrangements and self-absorbed lyrics borne aloft by his supple rock balladeer's voice. And, in the wistful *Somebody's Crying*, the desolate *Changed Your Mind* and others, it boasts some of his best songs.

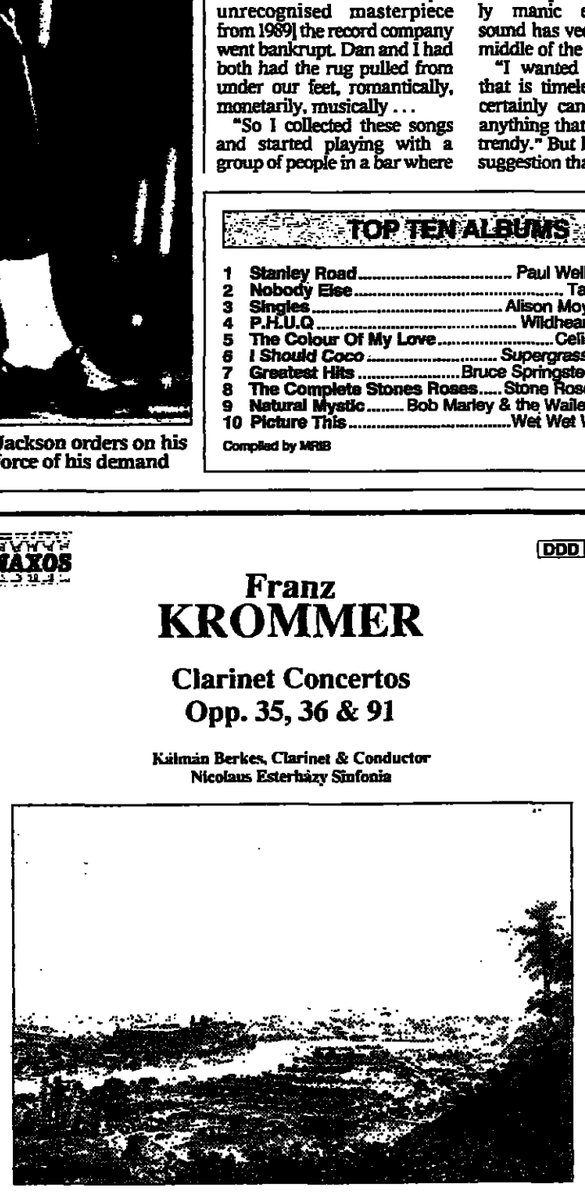


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■ WEEKEND

Gender bender: Fiona Shaw takes the title role in the National's new *Richard II*, previewing tonight



■ WEEKEND

Sondheim's blackly satirical musical, *Assassins*, opens with Denis Lawson at the Derby Playhouse

THE TIMES ARTS



■ POP

Summertime, and the livin' is festive: Beautiful South are among the fine acts going *al fresco*



■ POP

Living, singing proof that attitude counts for more than aptitude: Almond wows the Hanover Grand

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

RICHARD II. Fiona Shaw makes a fascinating choice for the title role in Deborah Warner's production, the first at the National since 1972.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Previews begin tonight, 7.15pm; opens June 2

RICHARD III. Brian Cox takes on his first Shakespeare production, directing Jasper Britton in the title role, with Brian Protheroe, Harriet Thorpe, Anne White, Simon Treves and John Challis. Pray for good weather.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Previews tonight-Mon, 8pm. Opens May 30, 8pm. Then May 31-June 10, 8pm, mat June 7, 2.30pm. In rep from June 12.

BRITAIN AT ITS BEST Vernon Handley opens tonight's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performance with one of Elgar's earliest successes, *Introduction and Allegro*. Blake Watkins's already hugely popular Trumpet Concerto receives its London premiere, performed by Håkan Hardenberger, and Holst's vast orchestral suite, *The Planets*, closes the programme.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM Roger Allam and Philip Franks play the young men about town and country in Terry Hands's production of **The Importance of Being Earnest**. Barbara Leigh-Hunt queries the handbag. Due in London at the end of June.
Repertory, Centenary Square (0121-236 4455). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm, opens May 30, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm. Until June 24

BOURNEMOUTH The annual **International Festival** comes to a close this weekend with a chock-full schedule that comes pretty close to something for everyone. Just a few of the programmes to look for are Theatre de Complicite, Piano Circus, Reduced Shakespeare Company, the Oxford Stage Company, a fireworks spectacular tomorrow night and a rousing finale from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Sunday. **Box Office/information**: (01202-297327).

DERBY: Denis Lawson and American actor/singer Paul Schoeffler are among the cast of **Assassins**, Stephen Sondheim's masterpiece about the death of US presidents and what this says about American society.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (01332 363275). Previews tomorrow and Mon; opens May 30, all at 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats June 10 and 17, 2.30pm. Until June 17.

CARLISLE, NEWCASTLE AND DARLINGTON. Conductor Joseph Swensen and pianist Imogen Cooper team up for a weekend of performances with the **Northern Sinfonia**. The programme for tonight and tomorrow features Mozart's overture, *The Magic Flute*, Schumann's Piano Concerto in A minor and Schubert's Symphony No 9 in C, *The Great*. Sunday's schedule keeps the Schumann, plus Grieg and Mendelssohn.
Sands Centre, (0800 591 996), tonight, 7.30pm. **City Hall** (0191-261 2606), Sat, 7.45pm. **Civic Theatre**, (0325 486555), Sun, 8pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Allen Jones: Graphic Retrospective, final week (0171-638 4141) . . **Design Museum**: Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago (0171-378 6055) . . **Hayward**. Landscapes of France: Impressionism and its Rivals (0171-928 3144) . . **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) **Serpentine**: Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075) . . **Tate**: Turner in Germany (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Picturing Plants: A History of Botanical Illustration (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◩ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**: Vanessa Redgrave directs and plays the serpent, and Paul Butler — Shylock and the best thing in Peter Sellars' recent *Merchant* — is her willing prey in this last production of the Moving Theatre season.
Riverside Studio 1, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Now previewing, 7.30pm; opens June 1

◩ **BURNING HABITS** Camp and crazy mini-series from the East Village, in eight episodes over four evenings. Each episode said to be self-contained, hard to forecast the quality.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (0171-637 8270). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, Sun, 4pm. All eight episodes play on June 17

□ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI.** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE**: The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm.

□ **HOT MIKADO**. Jazz and jitterbug version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, with Nanki-Poo a trombone player with a local big band and Yum-Yum a doo-wah singer. Smash hit musical direct from Washington DC.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 3pm

□ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**: Terry Hands's first production here: Denis Quilley plays the fat knight and Richard McCabe an insanely jealous husband.
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm

□ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production: the outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm.

□ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW** The Undead pose and prance again: Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff return, with Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm; Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm.

◩ **THE SILVER TASSIE**. Sean O'Casey's fierce and haunting anti-war drama, not seen in London since 1969. Lynne Parker's production glows with fitful power.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

■ **SIMPATICO**: Powerful acting from Ciaran Hinds, Sean McGinley, Janet McTeer and Tony Haygarth in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives. Not vintage Shepard but insightful and gripping.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm, Sat, 3pm and 7.30pm. Final week.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ■ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ◩ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . □ **In Praise of Love**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . . ◩ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) □ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) □ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . . □ **A Passionate Woman**, Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . . □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ANGELS (U): A squad of angels help a baseball team. Unabashedly sentimental family film, with Danny Glover and Christopher Lloyd. William Dear directs.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

◆ **BYE BYE LOVE** (12): Three divorced dads spend a fractious weekend with their kids. Facile comedy for male baby boomers, with Matthew Modine, Paul Reiser and Randy Quaid. Director, Sam Weisman.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

ED WOOD (15): Tim Burton's wonderful biography of the bizarre man voted the world's worst film-maker. With Johnny Depp, and Martin Landau as Bela Lugosi.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **A FEAST AT MIDNIGHT** (PG). Gauche but enjoyable goings-on at an English boarding school. With Freddie Findlay and Christopher Lee; director, Justin Hardy.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

THE MANGLER (18): Lame and silly horror film from a Stephen King story about a blood-thirsty laundry machine. Tobe Hooper directs.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **RICHIE RICH** (PG): Zillionaire offspring Macaulay Culkin comes to his parents' rescue. Dull, overblown comedy, with John Larroquette. Director, Donald Petrie.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE SEXUAL LIFE OF THE BELGIANS (18). Funny, quirky sexual odyssey. First in an autobiographical trilogy from Belgium's cultural anarchist, Jan Bucquoy.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

CURRENT

◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY** (15): Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15): Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

EXOTICA (18): Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan. With Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner.
Renoir (0171-837 8402)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666)

◆ **ROB ROY** (15). Lavish but lusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12): Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

Kitbags and kaboogie

What would summer be without rock festivals? More comfortable, certainly, but a lot less groovy

There seems to be some prearranged date in the English calendar when people stop buying you your normal Jack Daniels and Coke, and start bringing over trays of iced cider. "It's a summery drink," they chortle. "We can sit on the kerb and watch the buses crash on Camden High Street."

And so you neck six or seven pints, watch your mates' faces turn from healthy pink to grimy, exhaust-fume grey, and *forget* the reason you switched to spirits in the first place: cider gives you cystitis. And as the day trundles blearily away, and the skies hoist their black-and-star-studded night backdrop, and your girlie loins suddenly catch fire, the familiar ache reminds you that summer festivals (and their obligatory beverage of cider) are on the way. I spent last year's Reading Festival in a Portaloo, painfully listening to the muffled sounds of the Manic Street Preachers playing *Slash and Burn*, and reflecting on the irony of it all.



CAITLIN MORAN

So what do this summer's festivals have in store for girlie rock fans, their rucksacks full of cystitis remedies?

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Finsbury Park, N4. June 10. Tickets £27.50
A ONE-DAY rehearsal for the forthcoming, weekend-long binges. Kirsty MacColl will roll out her impeccable, velvet-trimmed back catalogue; Van Morrison will waddle his way through those we have loved (all of *Astral Weeks*, *Moondance*) those we have been bemused by (*In The Days Before Rock and Roll*) and those we're plain bored by (pretty much everything else).

A rare live slot by Sinéad O'Connor, our own Courtney Love, and a storming headline set by the Beautiful South finish the day off.

Blur
Mile End Stadium, E3
June 17, £18.50.
BRITPOP emperors Blur supported by Sparks and band of the year the Boo Radleys.

Glastonbury
Somerset. June 23-25. Sold out.
THE godmother of all festivals. The sights! The smells! The curries! Joe Banana's Blanket Stall-cum-all-night rave! Recent style magazines have been positing the theory that Glastonbury is being infiltrated by annoying preppy twentysomethings who regard it as part of the Season, something akin to the Henley Regatta. I have no idea what "doing the Season" entails, but if it includes copulating in a Hare Krishna tent and washing your face and body for three days in nothing but a three-litre bottle of R White's lemonade the style rags could be right. If it *doesn't*, then it's the usual round of sloppy work from hacks with blonde, permed brains.

Besides, Leftfield, Massive Attack, the Stone Roses, Supergrass, Jeff Buckley, P.J. Harvey and Tricky are enough to scare off any *nouveau* yuppies.

Phoenix '95
Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire
July 13-16. £58
THE youngest and most relaxed of all the festivals. Promises such sundry delights as five-a-side celebrity football (*Coronation Street* v *EastEnders*, apparently), bungee jumping and a funfair, so one will barely have time to thrash one's best friends on the dodgems before scuttling over to see Van Morrison, *again*, Bob Dylan, Paul Weller, Suede, Public Enemy, the Orb, Underworld, Tricky (he gets about a bit), the blissful G-funk king Warren G, megastar-in-training McAlmont and the Verve. Apparently you can take your own blow-up paddling pools, presumably the organisers' way of stopping the on-site showers getting too congested.

Reading Festival, Berkshire
August 25-27. Ticket price to be confirmed
ADVICE to anyone in an up-and-coming band — sell your liver to get a backstage pass. The music industry ups sticks and moves to just outside the M25 for the whole weekend and, as most of the bigwigs are, ahem, fairly *tired* and *emotional* by Saturday night, there are rich pickings for contract-hungry popsters.

Menswear weren't even *formed* at Reading last year, but their enterprising guitarist and Levi jeans model Chris Gentry spent the whole weekend in the backstage beer tent, shamelessly blagging and ligging. Now he has a £250,000 record contract, two front covers, a *Top of the Pops* appearance and a pop star girlfriend (Donna from Elastica). All this, and he's only just 18!

The Reading line-up is unconfirmed as yet, but the rumours are that Hole, the Boo Radleys and Blur will all be regretting that prawn biryani from the Curry Valhalla stall the next day.



Pop cynics the Beautiful South, set to make Fleadh '95 beautiful in, er, north London

A hold on our hearts

CONCERT

Marc Almond
Hanover Grand, W1

IF EVER anyone proved that attitude can count for more than aptitude, it is Marc Almond. The pubs and clubs are packed with better singers: his voice, although lusty, is wayward and his delivery frequently mannered to the point of self-parody. Nor is he a consistently good songwriter: throughout his career, moments of lurid brilliance have been outweighed by others of stridency or banality.

Why then does he continue to exert a fascination over a feverishly loyal army of fans and anyone who has ever happened to catch him live? Because he projects himself as a star, believing it so completely that all those around him are caught up in the make-believe.

This fact was made forever clear to me by his appearances in Moscow and St Petersburg two years ago. Largely unknown in Russia, he had little more than a glitter suit, a pianist and the adoration of a small core of young local fans to fall back on. The venues were inappropriate for the brand of bravura torch songs he favoured at the time, and there were too many civic dignitaries occupying red plush seats to make either concert anything like a walkover. But Almond turned on the magic and created triumph out of nothing. And there was something oddly, bravely British about a flamboyantly gay man making no concessions to circumstance and giving his own constituency within the audiences a performance to cherish.

On this though, the last night of a short British tour, he was back firmly among the wholly faithful and supportive. Buoyed by their enthusiasm, he balanced old hits with material from a forthcoming album, due in September, that showed his creative impetus to have come full circle, back to the stripped-down synth-pop of his early successes with Soft Cell.

Yes, the lyrics of such new songs as *The Idol*, *The User* or the current single *Adored and Explored* veer towards the predictable. Yes, their structures — the promising *Brilliant Creatures* excepted — are equally unremarkable. But the elfin-faced man with the velvet shirt and the rash of tattoos continues to make silk purses from relative sows' ears.

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INFOTECH

Barry Fox looks at the ins, outs, fronts and backs of the new video discs, which could well replace videotapes

Films on disc, but which one?

Next week the battle to set a standard for a new type of high-density CD is likely to intensify as Toshiba gives the first European demonstration of a digital video disc, or DVD, that may eventually replace the video recorder. The Toshiba system rivals an alternative and incompatible Philips and Sony version, that has already been demonstrated.

Six months ago the concept of the digital video disc was announced and promoted as an ideal new medium for cinema films as it can offer far higher quality than videotape. Now the dispute between the electronics giants over which is the best version looks set to turn into a damaging war with two incompatible formats being developed.

Philips and Sony have now decided that their version of the digital video disc is also the ideal multimedia tool for personal computers able to store even more megabytes of computer information than today's CD-Rom.

While the idea has received the support of the manufacturers of CD-Rom drives, the opposition, in the form of Toshiba and Time Warner, have the backing of Hollywood film studios. Just to confuse matters further the PC heavyweights — IM, Apple, Microsoft, Compaq and Hewlett Packard — say they are not interested at all unless a sigle-standard format can be developed for the disc.

Emphasisis also shifting to a technical trik which was initially mentioned oly as a future option for the Philips and Sony system: the disc's abilito carry two separate recordings on the same side is now being promoted as a basic feature.

In December, when Philips and Sony first revealed their plans for a high-density CD and dubbed it digital video disc, they emphasised the 5in disc's ability to hold a full-length feature film, running for 135 minutes, with better picture quality than a 12in laser video disc. The first demonstrations, in early January, all used films.

In late January, Toshiba and Time-Warner announced that they had won support from Matsushita, the Japanese manufacturer of Panasonic equipment, which had previously looked likely to back Philips and Sony. Panasonic had chosen Toshiba's disc, now called Super Disc, because it has an even higher capacity.

One side of an SD can store 142 minutes of film, with even higher picture quality. SD is double-sided so total film capacity is 284 minutes. Stung by Panasonic's snub, and the decision by Thomson, the French company, to side with Toshiba rather than endorse Philips's European technology, the DVD camp has rethought its strategy. "There must be easy migration from consumer electronics to computer use," says Jan Timmer, president of Philips. "We should ask the opinion of the computer industry on the new systems. A one-sided disc has major advantages. It's of vital importance because any decision now pins us down for the next 25 years at least."

And in Japan, Nobuyuki Idei, Sony's managing director, has planted the thought that the Hollywood studios may be forced to support whichever format the computer industry backs. The American company 3M developed the technology that lets the Philips/Sony single-sided disc record two completely separate programmes. Two data tracks are recorded at different depths in the disc surface. During playback the laser focuses on one track, while ignoring the other — just as a telephoto camera lens can focus sharply on one object, while making other objects so out of focus as to be virtually invisible.

At the flick of a switch, or automatically under instruction from a trigger signal coded into the programme material, the readout laser refocuses onto the other track. As Philips reasonably points out, it will take far longer for someone to take a double-sided disc out of a player, turn it over and put it back in. It will take longer, too, if the laser inside the player has to crawl round the edge of the disc and start reading the second side.

Almost all films run for less than 135 minutes, so who needs doubled playing time from either of the rival disc systems? CD-Roms can store 650 megabytes of data, enough for a bookshelf full of text books. So why does the computer industry need a higher density disc, and then double that higher density?

Disc doubling does make the system capable of recording widescreen high-definition television pictures. But this is a long-term option. Much more immediate is that CD-Rom technology is already running out of steam. Although a 650 megabyte disc can store 650 million text characters, the pictures and sound on which multimedia programs rely soak up data capacity like a sponge. Kodak's Photo CD system, which transfers 35mm photographs to CD without loss of quality, can store only around 100 pictures per disc.

Even text-only applications now stretch today's CD-Rom past its limits. The judge and lawyers in the O.J. Simpson trial in California are not surrounded by legal books, they are using CD-Roms. Their player has an 18-disc autochanger.

The Philips/Sony DVD stores 3.7 gigabytes of data in each track layer, making a total capacity of 7.4 gigabytes on a single side, equal to nearly a dozen CD-Roms. Toshiba's SD stores 5 gigabytes on each side, or a total of more than 15 CD-Roms.

Simple numbers suggest that SD must be better than DVD. But there are two important side issues. SD achieves its higher capacity by using smaller data pits. Smaller pits are inherently more susceptible to surface blemishes, including finger marks.

Consumers will want their new high-density drives to play back existing CDs and CD-Roms. Toshiba's SD is made from two half-thickness pressings glued back to back. But a laser lens designed to focus through a half-thickness pressing will not also focus through a full thickness. This makes it more difficult to make new SD players backwards-compatible with existing CDs and CD-Roms.



A video recorder factory in Austria: is it the end of the road for this type of recording machinery?

One-stop shop at Abbey Road

EMI's famous Abbey Road studios are going multimedia after a tie-up between EMI and Apple Computer.

Apple will provide a multimedia studio and base technical staff there to record CD-Roms and to promote the Enhanced CD format which can put video, text and sound on the discs.

Enhanced CDs can be played as ordinary music CDs, or, when played back on suitable equipment, will also display other information such as background information on the artist, lyrics or concert schedules.

The studio will be designed as a one-stop location for artists seeking to produce such items. Abbey Road became famous after the Beatles recorded their final album there in 1970 and named it after the studio.

EMI has also made multimedia alliances with Virgin Interactive Entertainment to work with artists on developing CD-Rom titles and with Germany's Von Holtzbrinck Group to develop reference titles on CD-Roms. Virgin Records will release its first interactive CD-Rom title from the Rolling Stones, based on the *Voodoo Lounge* album, in the autumn.

It will include specially filmed footage of all band members, fresh footage from the *Voodoo Lounge* tour and new mixes of the album tracks. EMI says it will also continue to expand its presence on the Internet with the creation of additional sites for its labels and artists.

MATTHEW MAY

Bright future for portables

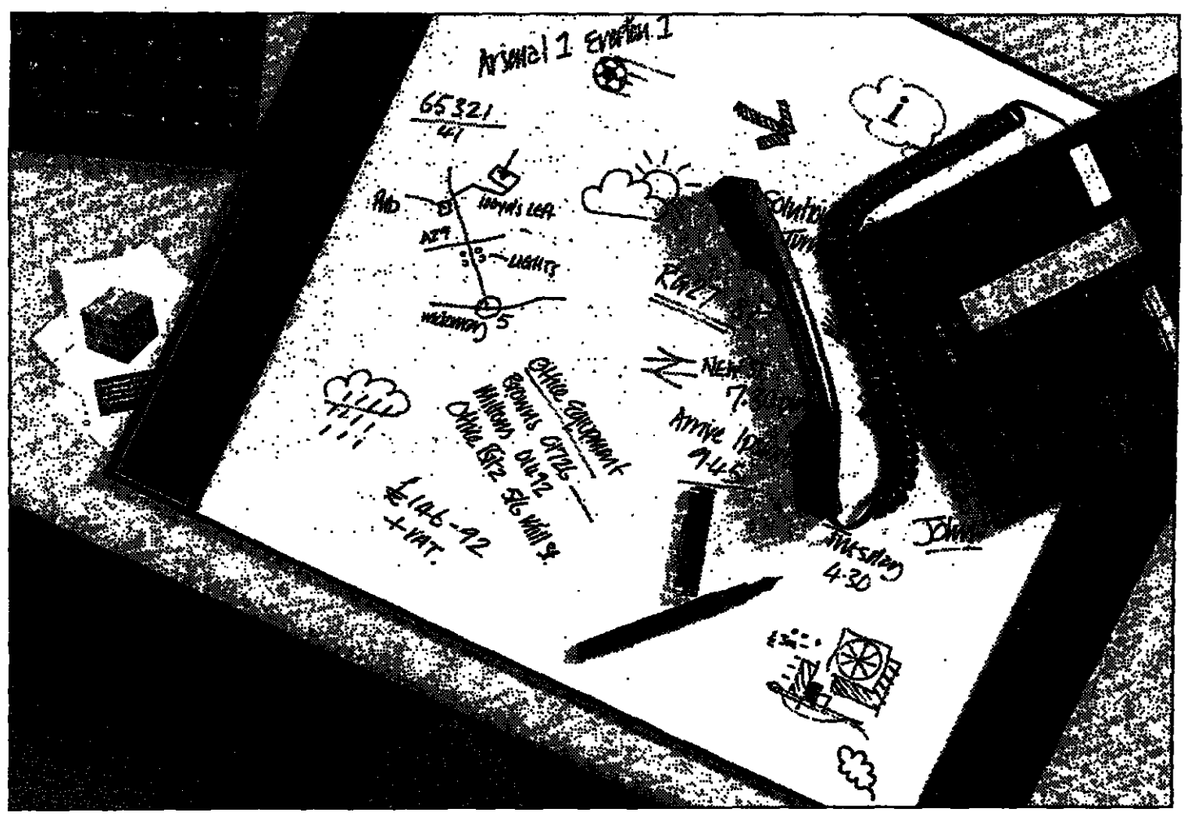
WHILE ortable computers would sem to give users the opportuty to sit outside on a brigh sunny day, the reality often different. *MatthewMay writes.*

The problem is the brightness ofthe liquid crystal display (LCD) screens which can becme invisible at the merest int of sunlight. The best inage is usually obtained i a gloomy room.

However, Polaroid and Motorola announced this week that they had developed a "revolutionary" innovation which could make the problem disappear by improving the brightness and contrast of any LCD screen, thus making them easier to see in glaring light.

Polaroid claims that by using a holographic reflective material — called Imagix — brightness and contrast can be improved by two or three times.

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Going down

THE prices of portable computers are falling. Compaq has announced cuts of up to 15 per cent on its Contura Aero range of notebooks, reducing the price of the cheapest model to less than £1,000.

Toshiba, which says it has 40 per cent of the market for portable computers, has cut prices by up to 27 per cent. Texas Instruments has introduced a notebook computer, that uses the powerful Pentium chip, from £4,000.

As seen on TV

DIGITAL WORLD is a new weekly TV show starting on June 6 that promises to explain the Internet and the rest of the digital revolution. Available only to cable TV subscribers in London with Channel One, the programme will be broadcast live from the Cyberia Café in Soho, and will look at include cyberlove, wacky web sites and special effects in films.

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Batty interests

PERHAPS proving that the Internet can be most useful to those with specific interests, bat lovers can now access a virtual exhibition about them without visiting dark caves.

It includes information about bat conservation bodies, links to the Bat Conservation International pages in Texas and a Batline newsgroup on international bat research. The virtual exhibition pages are organised by the Stoke-on-Trent City Museum in Staffordshire on www.keele.ac.uk/koss/stkmg/intro.html

Keeping secrets

ADMIRAL William Studeman, the second-ranking CIA official, has urged the American Government and industry to boost security for linked computer networks, calling computer systems in the United States the world's most vulnerable to attack.

He said potential targets might include telecommunications, power and utility distribution, stock exchanges, the banking system, and air traffic control.

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Goodbye to all this

Ron Condon reports on a company that is doing away with an office

At the end of June, a small, ten-year-old software company will close its doors in Feltham, west London — not because it has gone bust, but because it no longer sees any sense in maintaining 1,400 sq ft of office space.

Loud & Bow is going "virtual", allowing all its staff to work from home, communicate by telephone and modem, and, in the process, save the company £30,000 a year.

All records will be kept electronically, allowing the 14 staff, including the office administrator, to operate in a paperless environment. The address on the company letterhead will now be a Post Office box number.

For Richard Dowdeswell, the managing director, the move is the final and logical step in a trend that has been visible for some time. The head office has already ceased to perform any real function.

Though Loud & Bow specialises in software for ICL mainframe computers, it does not have its own mainframe, preferring to develop its software on an ICL system in Stockwell, south London. Loud & Bow rents the time it needs, accessing it via a local call to a data network.

The company, which has a turnover of about £750,000 a year, has a string of large customers, including the Inland Revenue, the Department of Social Security, British Gas, SG Warburg and River Island Clothing.

What do such leading companies think about one of their suppliers operating without a head office? "British Gas is unfazed by the closure," says Mr Dowdeswell, adding that other customers have taken the same attitude.

Far from worrying about the long-term viability of their supplier, he says, many of the client organisations were excited about how he was going to do it and make it work. Two big local authorities have shown great interest in adopting some of his methods.

He says: "It is easy for us because we are small, but if a business-analysis is made, there is no reason why a much larger organisation cannot do the same thing."

From now on, Mr Dowdeswell will hold all meetings with customers in central London at the Institute of Directors, which lets its meeting rooms. "It's not as though we had lovely offices in Feltham to entertain our customers," he says, "so it's no great loss from that point of view."

The new arrangements will release staff for new work. A bonus for Mr Dowdeswell will be that he expects to have more time to meet customers. He admits that until now he has — like most senior management — made little personal use of technology. With the change looming, he has now had to get to grips with Windows-based PCs, modems and the Internet, and he believes he will become more productive as a result.

So far as the outside world is concerned, nothing will change. The company will, as before, operate two main telephone numbers: one for general inquiries, the other for technical support. The technical-support number is the personal number of one of the staff living in nearby Harrow. BT's Star Service is used so that if she is away or taking another call, the call is routed automatically to the switchboard number, where it can then be put through to another support person. From the customer's point of view, it is like calling a normal company with real offices.

Mr Dowdeswell says: "All incoming post will go to a PO box number to be electronically scanned by an administrator and kept on file. This is fairly easy for us because we have a relatively small volume of paper."

Having information held electronically means that anyone in the organisation can access files if they need them, just as if they were going to the filing cabinet.

At the same time, he has established the company on the Internet with its own World Wide Web page, so that customers and prospective clients can call up information. He also plans to distribute software upgrades via the Internet to customers which, he says, "is much cheaper than putting it on a tape and posting it".

One oft-quoted drawback of teleworking is loneliness and the loss of staff unity. Mr Dowdeswell recognises that he will have to organise regular meetings of staff, maybe several times a month to maintain team spirit. "I'll also be on the phone to people on most days," he says, "so there will be no loss of contact."

Mr Dowdeswell hopes that in addition to the instant cost savings he will make by closing the offices, the changes will generate plenty of fresh opportunities, many of them difficult to predict.



Richard Dowdeswell believes that closing his office will generate many fresh opportunities

"Radical change brings new opportunities," he says, "and though it will take us some time to make the change, we shall be able to do new things, such as putting our services and people on the Internet." For instance, one aspect of Loud & Bow's business involves sending programmers to work on customer premises, but this can be costly if people have to live away from home.

"We are already negotiating with customers about working remotely." Mr Dowdeswell explains. "If someone in Burnley, Lancashire, wants us to send someone to work with them, we'll agree provided they can spend just one day a week there and do the rest of the work from home. It's perfectly feasible."

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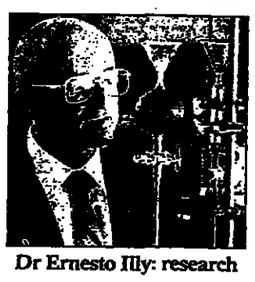
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The quest for great espresso

An Italian coffee supplier is using a supercomputer to make a better cup of coffee, writes **Chris Partridge**

Supercomputers usually used to probe the basic structures of the universe are being harnessed to more practical problems — such as the quest for the perfect cup of espresso.

Many Italians would regard developing better espresso as a much more urgent problem than unlocking the secrets of the atom; and Dr Ernesto Illy of the Trieste-based coffee supplier Illycaffè is certainly one of them.



Dr Ernesto Illy: research

He has put together a group of mathematicians and software scientists to use the massive Cray supercomputer recently installed at the University of Bologna to work out exactly how hot water flows through ground coffee in an espresso machine.

Supercomputers are usually used for the really big problems, modelling global weather systems or predicting macroeconomic trends. Bologna University's new Cray is intended to investigate molecular physics.

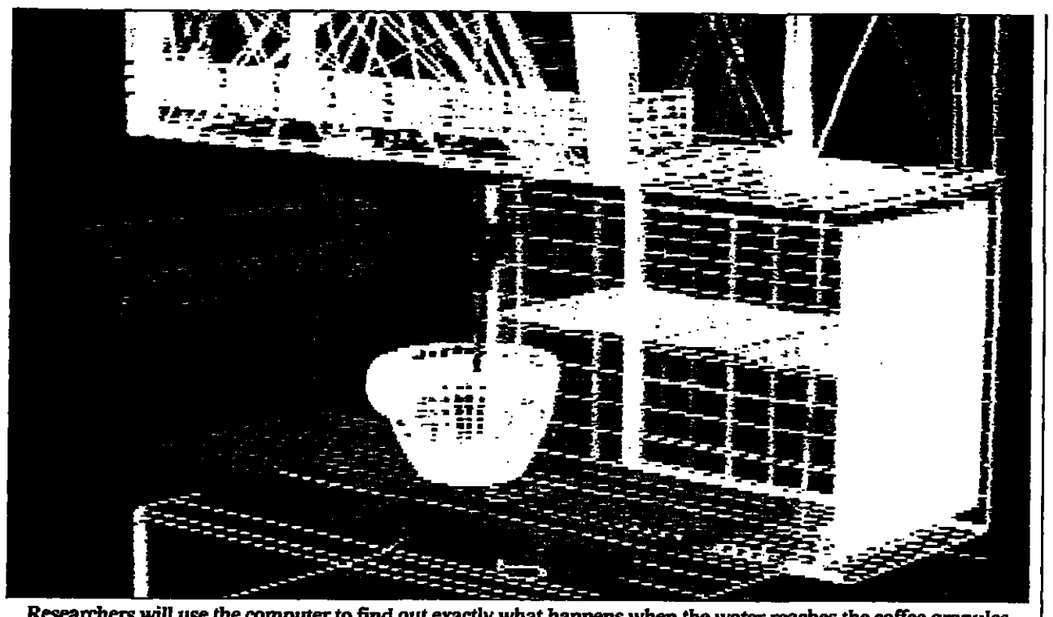
But finding out what really goes on as hot water trickles through coffee is not a trivial problem either, according to Dr Illy.

"Making espresso is a very tricky balance, because the water flow must be exactly one millilitre per second, but the pressure is high and the particle size is very irregular," Dr Illy says. Other factors include the oils necessary for flavour and the bubbles of carbon dioxide which generate the foam on the surface.

Even in finely ground espresso, the coffee particles come in a huge range of sizes, and each size contributes something different to the final drink. The shape of the infusing chamber also affects the final brew.

As a result, development of today's espresso machine has been largely a matter of trial and error, Dr Illy says. His aim is to use the supercomputer to find out for the first time what really goes on in the machine.

Preliminary work on powerful workstations has already yielded interesting results. Simulations of small parts of the bed of coffee show that the water does not flow uniformly through it but forms fast-flowing channels within a slower-moving mass of water. This means that some of the coffee is being washed out and some not sufficiently brewed, according to Dr Illy.



Researchers will use the computer to find out exactly what happens when the water reaches the coffee granules

The next step is to try to alter some of the factors, such as the size of the coffee grains and the pressure of the water, to see how the process changes.

The problem is that even with the high-power workstations Dr Illy presently uses, running each simulation takes more than a week. Using the Cray's huge array of 240 processors working in parallel on the problem, it should take a matter of hours.

The Cray also has enough power to run three-dimensional simulations instead of just two, so that it will be possible to tell if a dot on the screen is a small particle or just the tip of a big particle.

"Our aim is to make a machine which sends a uniform front of slow-moving water and get the ideal size distribution of the coffee granules," Dr Illy says.

He expects his research programme to enable his company to determine the best coffee, the ideal pressure under which it should be held in the machine, the proper pressure for the water and whether additives, such as oils, would improve the brew.

Dr Illy, the son of the founder of Illycaffè, Francesco Illy, who invented the espresso machine as it stands today, is also taking up some advanced British research. An electronic "nose" developed by the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology is being used in the production process.

● *The author is editor of* Parallelogram, *a supercomputing magazine.*

Listening to your e-mail

COMPUSERVE subscribers using Windows can add a voice e-mail package which lets them send messages containing speech, music and sound effects, *Matthew May writes.*

Users can mix speech with music, insert "sound bites" or combine multiple sound files to play simultaneously. The most exciting benefit, the online service says, is the ability to convey laughter and other emotions online.

Voice e-mail costs £20 and can be downloaded into your PC from Compuserve over the phone. The drawback is that anyone wanting to listen to your message will also have to have a copy of the same software to uncompress it.

Sound uses far more computer space than text. A one-minute file, for example, can create a sound file of 5.2 megabytes that could cost £9 to send over Compuserve.

The answer is compression, which reduces the file to 236k and the cost to about 40p.

As the sound files are binary, Compuserve only allows them to be sent to other Compuserve members and not over the Internet or to other online services.

Can you keep a secret?

Max Glaskin on a modem which can keep the hacker out



Government departments are constantly looking for ways to keep information secret

Modems costing £2,500 each are being bought by the Government because they can keep a secret. They are designed to be hacker-proof and the ultimate in "firewalls" designed to stop unauthorised remote access to computer systems that hold valuable information.

The Proscriptor modems are made by Avant Guardian, a company set up in London five years ago with the sole aim of making networks secure. Since it is in the nature of the security market to keep its cards close to its chest, finding out who is buying the modems is not straightforward.

Richard Mackenzie, Avant Guardian's technical director, says: "The boys in Cheltenham like them and we are expecting our first orders from a major department of state in the near future." Unscrambled, it means that the Ministry of Defence is expected to take delivery of up to 100 such modems next month.

Of course, since this article has been sent to *The Times* across the public telephone network between two unsecure modems costing under £200 each, some of you may have read this already, particularly if you happen to work at GCHQ. Modems are an exit door from one computer to a big wide world of information but they can also let unauthorised people in.

Usually, once modems have exchanged their greetings of whistles and bleeps like a fax machine — a sequence called "training" — then hackers can try to crack password or other authentication software and gain unauthorised access. This is the problem the security and espionage departments want to avoid. Until now, they have had to rely on secure lines which are physically independent of all other networks, or on increasingly sophisticated encryption algorithms.

The special modems have an extra processor chip inside designed to stop hackers before they can even try to log on. The processor — which took six months to design — uses the time during the training sequence to interrogate the modem that is making the incoming call. If it does not have the correct chip, the calling modem is not allowed to connect.

> The most cunning feature is that the hacker will not necessarily realise that he or she has been thwarted

The processor also changes its interrogation signal every time the modem receives a call so nobody can record the signal and copy it. In effect, it asks a different question of every calling modem. The most cunning feature, though, is that the hacker will not necessarily realise that he or she has been thwarted. The special modem can seamlessly divert a suspect call into a second channel on the modem which then sends data from a mock log-on screen.

"The hacker can play on this to his heart's content," Terry Harris, chief executive of Avant Guardian, says, "during which time his access methods can be analysed and the call traced."

As the modem has a secure channel and an insecure channel, it could be used both for secure data and for public access. This would allow businesses that want to link their computer networks to the Internet, to host World Wide Web pages for example, without giving hackers a back door to their business and accounting secrets.

Charity's plea for computer donors

The Chatback Trust is looking for help for its children with special needs

A pioneering charity which allows children with speech difficulties to communicate through the Internet says that it needs at least £10,000 to keep going.

The Chatback Trust, based in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, says it is Britain's only charity dedicated to relieving the frustration and loneliness of children with special needs by providing them with access to the World Wide Web.

The global network, which links computers via phone lines, can allow children with conditions like cerebral palsy to communicate and gain confidence, says Tom Holloway, the charity's founder and executive director. The trust, started in 1987, now links more than 60 special needs schools.

Money is needed to provide computer training for teachers and parents and to maintain the services of an educational psychologist who is monitoring the progress of disabled children on the Internet.

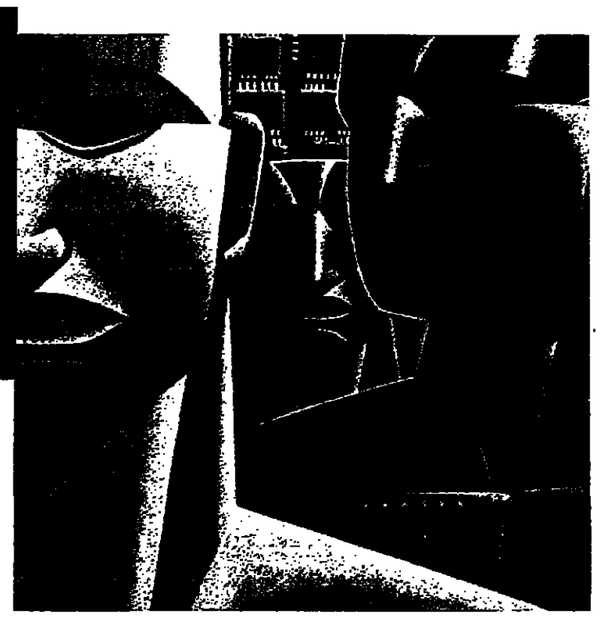
"Children who are unable to make themselves understood verbally often feel cut off from their peers, lack motivation and feel uncertain about their future as dependent adults. I developed the trust to alleviate this," Mr Holloway says. "The Internet is a non-prejudicial medium where the children can explore and research. It is especially useful for children with special needs."

The trust also wants to launch a "Buddy Scheme" to enable hardware and software manufacturers to sponsor children with special needs and donate PC equipment.

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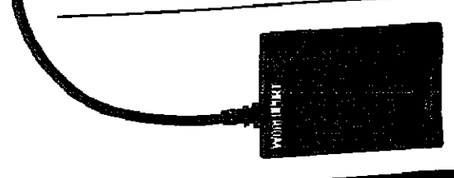
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Numbers game clients can win

Why can't a phone number be for life? **Annie Turner** reports



So many phones to install, so many numbers to change: but telecommunications engineers would do less if "follow-me" numbers were widespread

Britain's economy has benefited greatly from having a competitive telecommunications industry in terms of choice of supplier, more services and falling costs.

Even so, little has been done about one of the most basic problems for business: the expense and disruption associated with changing telephone numbers. There is no longer any technical reason for a phone line to be stuck with the number the installer gave it, but this advantage has not been passed on to customers.

This is not to say that the telecommunications Utopia of everyone being issued with a telephone number that works on all kinds of networks, regardless of where they are, is imminent. But it is absurd that even if a company is staying in the same premises, but opts to change from, say, BT to Mercury, it must change its telephone numbers.

Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog, is trying to introduce this so-called number portability and extend its scope to cover an organisation changing premises and changing operator at the same time, providing the new site is near the original. BT agrees in principle, but, contrary to Oftel's recommendations, refuses to foot the bill for putting it into practice.

Because BT controls, but no longer owns, most British telephone numbers, the matter was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission three months ago but shows no sign of being resolved quickly.

Despite this, "follow-me" or personal numbering services that try to attach phone numbers to people, rather than to particular lines, are starting to become available in earnest this year.

The national code change on Easter Day made provision for this burgeoning market, which could be fuelled by a predicted surge in teleworking, reserving dialling codes for personal number services. The 07 prefix is for fixed lines, the 04 for mobile phones.

When the pioneering Flextel company launched its personal number service in 1993, it did so by leasing 100,000 numbers from the cellular operator Mercury One-2-One (starting 09567). The company charges a sign-up fee of £120 per existing line, plus a £2 monthly charge thereafter. For that fee, the subscriber can choose to have one or two personal numbers to run in tandem with the original phone number — or can cease to publish the original number altogether.

Calls to the personal numbers can be rerouted to any British destination specified by the subscriber, be it a fixed line, mobile telephone, voice mail system or answering machine. Fax traffic can also be accommodated. The subscriber can alter the destination at will, from any telephone, by calling Flextel's central administraton number, inputting a PIN, the personal number and the new destination, using the telephone key pad.

This means, for example, that if someone works at home for part of the week, they are not obliged to divulge their home telephone number to business contacts and can reroute business calls to their employer's voicemail system in the evenings and at weekends.

At present, Flextel calls cannot be routed to international destinations, but if demand is sufficient, such a service might be introduced for, say, a £10 monthly fee. Having to use a mobile prefix has caused some confusion and from next month Flextel will be able to allocate 07 numbers.

Flextel's sevice differs from others in several ways. For example, cellular operator Orange's sophisticated call-diversion facilities are standard and covered by the monthly fee. The caller pays for the diverted leg for calls rerouted to international and mobile destinations. But the service is open only to Orange subscribers, whereas Flextel's is open to everyone.

BT says it will offer personal numbers when there is enough customer demand, but meanwhile it offers a Call Divert service that can be set up from any BT telephone attached to a digital exchange. Call Divert costs £7 a quarter. The main drawback is that the divert can be set up and cancelled only from the "home base" telephone.

From the business users' point of view, the introduction of more services is encouraging. The more follow-me services there are on the market, the more operators will strive to differentiate themselves by the range of facilities they offer, and by competitive pricing.

The man who can't wait for the future

Peter Cochrane wants his messages instantly. **Nick Cottam** reports

Four years ago Professor Peter Cochrane, head of BT's advanced applications and technologies department, sent his 600 staff a simple message: if they wanted to communicate with him, they had to do it electronically. Anything sent by fax was liable to end up in the bin.

If this sounds a draconian way to run a department — even one with so direct a stake in the future — Professor Cochrane has a stronger reason than most for getting his troops on line.

Much of his time is spent trying to convince the outside world that the information highway is ripe for investment in virtually every walk of life, from the ways in which people shop and learn to the provision of medical treatment. Electronic messaging is just the tip of the iceberg.

"When I set out to communicate," he says, "I want instant gratification. If I get any kind of delay, I am frustrated; anything over 30 seconds can become very irritating." If this seems over the top for those of us who never jump a fax queue and are still grateful for a same-day facility, it is undoubtedly a sign of the times as information in all its many forms takes to the highway.



Dr Cochrane: Don't fax me

Andrew Gray, managing director of the online service Compuserve, says: "These days most documents that end up getting faxed start life in an electronic format. In the past few years, there have been no technical innovations to the fax, while online communications is still in its infancy, and will continue to develop."

Like BT, most large companies now operate some form of internal e-mail system, which allows staff to communicate within offices and between sites without so much as a sheet of paper coming out of the fax machine. Project teams which once waited for acres of shiny paper reports before collating and rearranging them like a *Blue Peter* presenter can now receive the whole lot on their computer screen.

Documents that once had to find their way around the office, if not on the fax machine, and were then carried by the office messenger, can simply be placed in an electronic shuttle before being downloaded to an individual's personal directory on the company network.

For the present, at least, the electronic downside lies in trying to send anything other than text, a process where connection problems between different modems and the quality of the material sent can have you rushing back to the fax machine.

Even electronic devotees such as IBM, which has been using e-mail for all internal communications for the past five years, have to go back to paper when good graphics and crisp colours are involved.

The solution, predicts David Thorpe, IBM's work group manager, will lie in the same open standards route that turned the fax machine into the ubiquitous device it is today. But we are not quite there yet.

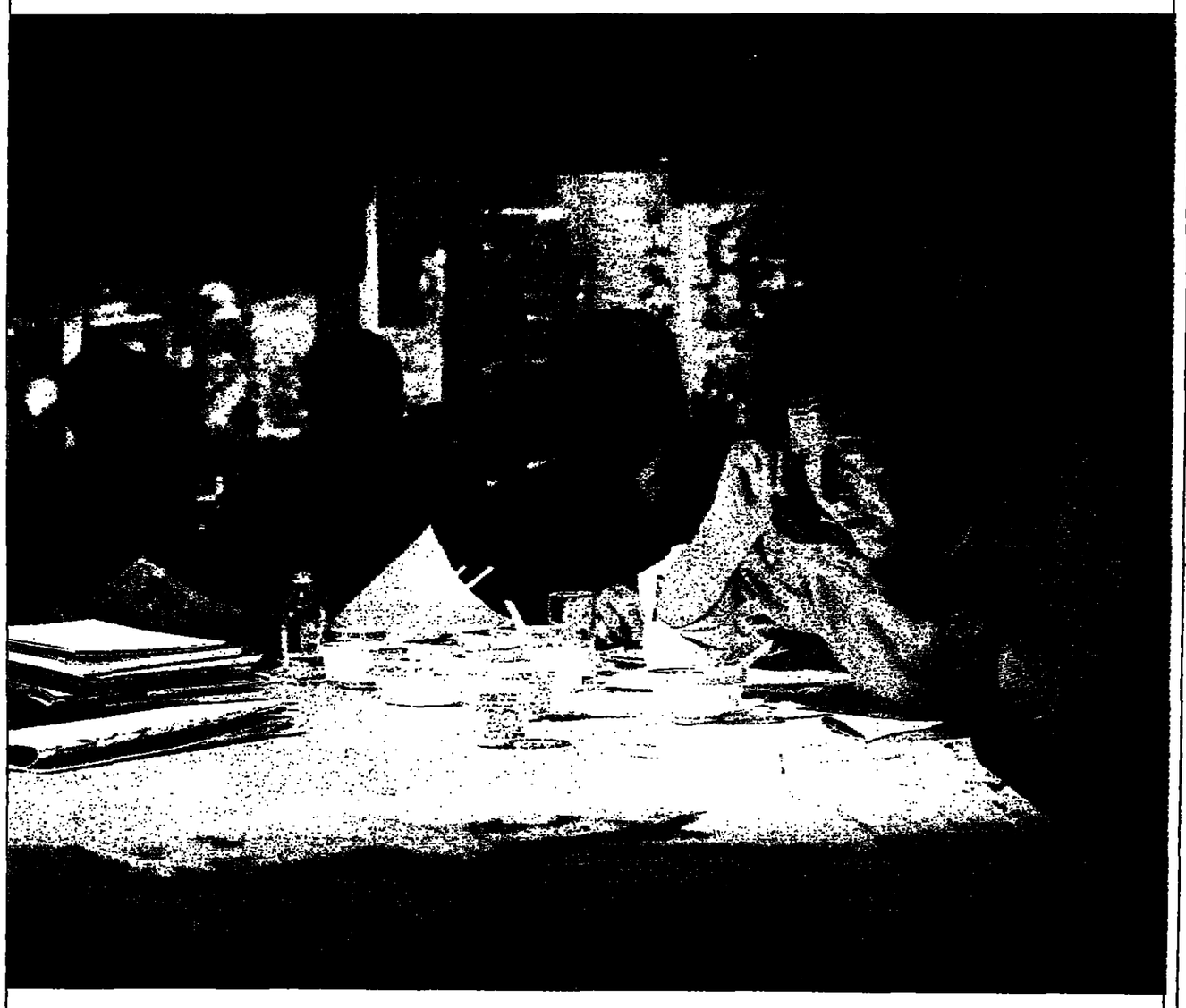
The pressure for open standards comes from both sides. If companies and individuals are to put their faith in electronic communication, it has to be as simple as sending a fax. That means finding a way of synchronising modem speeds and carrier addresses so any document can be sent electronically without worrying whether it will arrive and what it will look like.

If you try to send something via a modem, there is a fair chance you will have to negotiate the link-up first — a bit like having to agree a workable STD code before using the phone.

If this sounds a death knell for the use of fax machines in business, the same goes for the home. In America, the Internet and online services are taking off with bewildering speed. Instead of buying a fax for messages, anyone with a personal computer and a phone line can now choose either a built-in fax modem or the mail facility of an online service such as Compuserve, which says it is gaining 4,500 new members a week in Britain.

The fax may still look the simplest bet, but electronic mail could be acquiring the critical mass to change all that — and it's cheap. For the price of a local call, online subscribers can send messages to other users anywhere in the world. They can receive them at any time of the day or night, whether the computer is on or off. When the service truly does reach the great mass of homes, it is this e-mail equivalent of the answerphone that may lay to rest any more thoughts of a new fax-phone combination.

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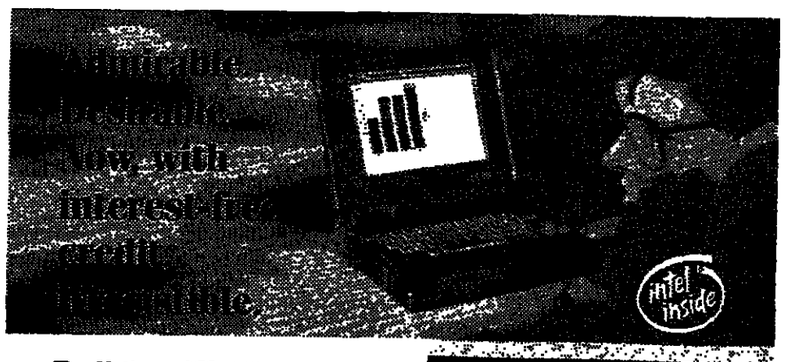
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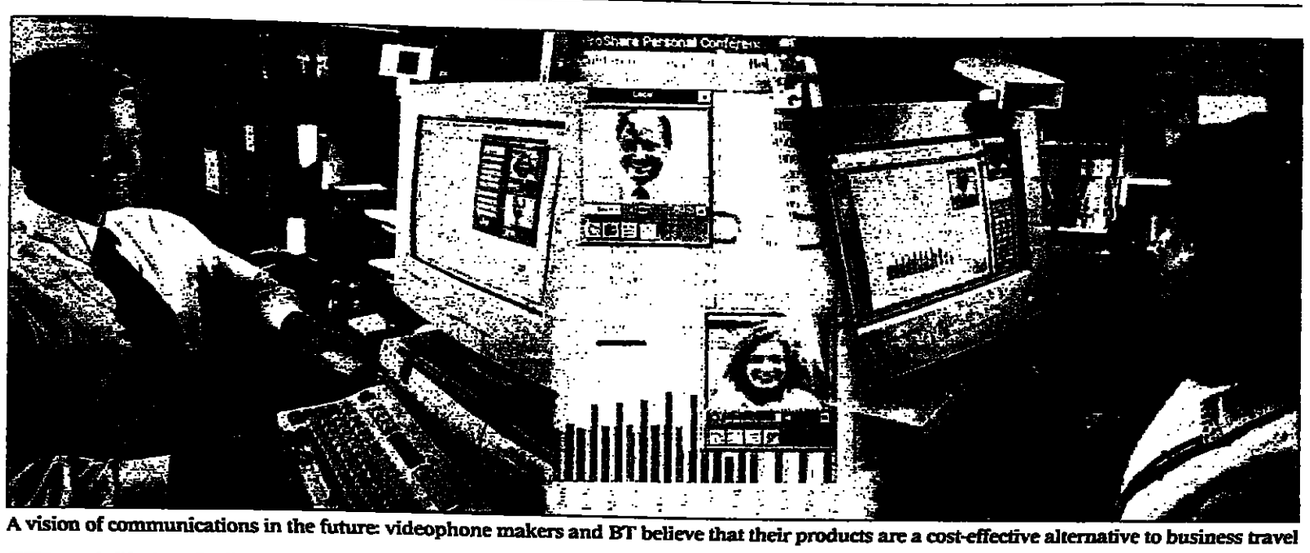
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Video telephones have left science fiction and reached real life, writes **Tony Dennis**



A vision of communications in the future: videophone makers and BT believe that their products are a cost-effective alternative to business travel

See, speak and hear down the line

Real life has finally caught up with science fiction. After a delay of at least 30 years, it is now possible to buy something that closely resembles a true video telephone.

At present, these products are large, expensive and nowhere near as realistic as the videophones portrayed in science fiction epics such as *Star Trek*. But the first tentative steps towards combining a television with the telephone have now been taken.

The video telephone is, of course, a natural extension of available technology. While you are talking to someone, why shouldn't you be able to see them as well as hear them? In the computing world, electronic mail messages, for example, are frequently criticised for being impersonal and misleading.

A sentence spoken with sarcasm can contain a completely different message from the same words delivered in a flat tone. The claim is that if you can see as well as hear the person to whom you are talking, your conversation will become radically different from the impersonal audio-only encounters offered by today's telephones.

The chief problem is that existing telephone networks simply weren't destined for carrying both video and speech. Enter the ISDN (integrated services digital network), the all-digital version of the telephone network. ISDN will eventually oust ordinary analogue telephone networks in the same way as the compact disc has displaced the vinyl long-playing record.

ISDN is available in nearly all European countries, as well as most of North America. Though the take-up of ISDN lines has been small so far, the growth rate in Germany, France and some American states — such as California — is starting to rise.

In Britain, the problem is cost. BT charges £400 plus VAT to install the most basic ISDN line plus £84 plus VAT per quarter instead of £21 for an ordinary domestic line.

For business use, it seems that both the videophone manufacturers and BT hope that the other party will reduce their charges and help to make videophones a cost-effective alternative to some business travel.

There are now kits that can turn an ordinary IBM PC-compatible machine into a videoconferencing terminal. All that is needed is a card known as a codec to drive the camera and an ISDN terminal card to funnel all the necessary data down an ISDN line.

Probably the most successful product in this area is the Pro Share personal video conferencing system 200, sold by Intel, and which starts at about £1,500 — plus the cost of a powerful PC if you do not have one. Not only does Proshare come with all the necessary hardware — such as a camera to place on top of your PC's monitor — it also comes with applications-sharing software. The latter allows PC users to share the data on their PCs while simultaneously discussing the information over a video link.

For instance, both users can look at financial data held in the same Windows spreadsheet. Then one person can circle part of the document, using the mouse to indicate in which area he or she is particularly interested.

Intel's approach assumes a certain degree of computer expertise on behalf of its owner. If video, audio and ISDN communications are to be handled simultaneously, the purchaser must also own an up-to-date PC with at least a Pentium-based processor

BT has come up with a product that is aimed at the ordinary executive who does not have the familiarity with Microsoft Windows and PCs needed to persuade Proshare to run properly. This £2,500 videophone, known as Presence, is simple enough for virtually anybody to operate. All you need to do is to plug the Presence into the mains and an ISDN wall socket and you can make a video telephone call. How good is the image quality? With Presence, the image is acceptable which — given the dire quality of previous offerings — is a major breakthrough.

An entry level version of ISDN (termed Basic rate) effectively provides the user with two separate telephone lines. With Presence, it is possible, should you so choose, to utilise both lines simultaneously, resulting in a video image that resembles an early silent movie. Television quality this is not, but the image is in colour and most of the time there is no discernible time-lapse between the image on screen and spoken conversation.

To become established, any new technology needs standards. Fortunately, there is one coming along for videophones and the Presence can communicate with similar compatible devices, such as the £3,600 Personal Communications Computer from Olivetti and the latest version of Intel's Proshare. The communications software that would permit a Presence to provide full applications sharing with another PC user is, however, still under development.

Whether videophones will find a market at present prices is anyone's guess. All the necessary items to turn a PC into a videophone, such as camera cards and ISDN terminal adapters, are already available separately. A PC user could therefore obtain all the requisite pieces for under £1,000. Better still, the required software for handling video and audio — a program known as CU-See Me — is available free over the Internet.

The next generation of videophones will inevitably be more compact, of better quality and cheaper. If ISDN starts being sold at a reasonable price in Britain, it could be a natural fit with video telephony. Once the novelty of seeing yourself on television wears off, perhaps the videophone could become a part of daily life.

How to boost profit margins — by telephone numbers

Memorable numbers bring in the business

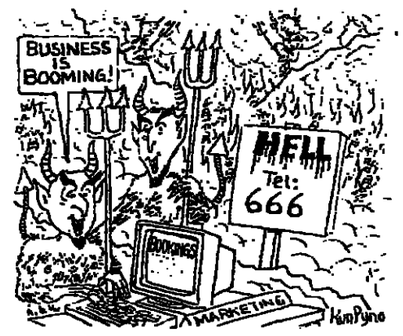
If you buy a National Lottery ticket or dream of owning a Porsche 911, then think telephone numbers. Memorable digits such as the 0645 100 000 lottery claims number or the 0345 911911 link to the ultimate sports car company are rapidly becoming *de rigueur* in the field of direct response promotions.

According to BT, which has about 85 per cent of the market, any organisation can ask for its own special freephone (0800) or local rate (0345) number, although this doesn't necessarily mean it will be successful. If you really want something on the lines of a certain hotel group's 0800 404040 connection or the wise owl 0800 282820 (tweet tweet twoo) of a widely promoted financial services line, not only must it be available but the chances are that you will have to be a high volume customer to justify the star treatment.

Companies such as Rover, which generated 120,000 calls and sold £22 million via an 0800 launch number, and Mazda, whose 0800 484848 contact point has been a key element in gauging the success of a recent TV advertising campaign, are clearly given the VIP treatment. Similarly, the wackiness of an RAC sales pitch that endorses a £29 joining fee by inviting the public to call 0800 029029 is unlikely to leave BT short of telecommunications business. If, as the science fiction writer J.G. Ballard predicts, we are moving towards the age of subliminal man, golden numbers must take some of the responsibility.

Fred Hoy, BT's product manager for teletmarketing, says that special numbers in circulation are growing at the rate of 35 per cent a year. Many, like the RAC number, have a limited lifespan but are designed to bring much-needed clout to advertising and telemarketing campaigns, which seek to generate immediate responses. What better calling card for a 24-hour telephone banking service such as First Direct than 0800 242424?

Adrian Coleman, an account director with the advertising agency HHCL, believes that British marketing people are rapidly becoming less coy about including telephone numbers in their promotional campaigns.



Nevertheless, only 8 per cent of advertisements in Britain carry a phone number, while in America, where direct response is as much an issue of geography as anything else, the figure is more than 80 per cent.

"We are moving towards a situation where the consumer wants a more direct relationship with the brand name," says Mr Coleman whose company designed Mercury's own 0500 500500 freephone campaign around the nostalgic tones of the comedian Harry Enfield.

To prove the point, Mr Coleman gives the example of a special number attracting 1.3 million callers as part of the campaign for a well-known fizzy drink. It takes 2 2 Tango as they say.

The commercial logic for BT and Mercury is to encourage special numbers which are actually going to help to generate more traffic. BT, for example, says it turned down an application from a local radio station for a "highly memorable" number because its weekly phone-in show would have been answering only one in every 200 calls.

Not only would a numerical rarity have been taken out of circulation, but the service provider bears the cost of routing all those engaged calls and most callers are left frustrated by an easy to remember numeric jingle which actually gets them nowhere.

Good telecommunications business derives from campaigns like that of Eurotunnel. The central message of the company's 35-minute Channel crossing had the number to match: 0990 353535.

Assuming that an organisation passes the volume-of-business test, the cost of a special number will depend on who makes the choice. If, like Porsche, you have the right profile and successfully apply for a product or service defining-number then BT will charge £300 a quarter for the privilege.

If, like most 0800 subscribers, you are willing to be less discerning and allow BT to choose from available reserves, the cost comes down to £50 a quarter.

Mercury, which was refused a share of the 0800 action, has had to work hard to establish its freephone 0500 and local rate 0645 numbers. Like BT, it talks of a trade-off between desirable numbers and the amount of traffic that they are going to generate.

NICK COTTAM

Small, cheap and much faster

Modem makers are at long last improving their products

The modem, linking a telephone to a personal computer, is one of the rising stars of the telecommunications world.

Only five years ago, you could spend several hundred pounds on a slow, unwieldy piece of kit that might never get you online. Today, modems are being portrayed as simple, efficient, inexpensive add-ons that should be an essential item in any business person's computer armoury. There is more than a grain of truth in this change of image.

A modern notebook PC modem is now the size of a thick credit card, can send and receive data at the rate of 14,400 baud, a speed we could only dream of a couple of years ago, and will also double as a fax machine.

The tried and tested axiom of PC marketing — that something smaller, faster and cheaper will always sell — is working again. The British are Europe's early adopters of PC communications technology. In America, about 50 per cent of modern computers now boast a modem. In the UK, the rate is between 30 and 35 per cent, compared with 18 to 22 per cent elsewhere in Europe. The widespread interest, and occasional hype, about online services and the Internet have made modems hot-sellers.

A trawl through the modem discussion area of any online service shows that many users still fail to make their units work to the full extent that the makers promise. Fax software, in particular, is a source of constant difficulties across a broad spectrum of machines, modems and software.

US Robotics, the modem maker that leads the British market, is trying to take some of the pain out of modem ownership with two user booklets that document the principles of online communications in everyday English and outline the features you can expect from modern PC telecommunications.

Clive Hudson, the company's UK managing director, says: "People are starting to lose some of their fear of the modem but there is still some way to go."

Today, the standard modem speed is 14,400 baud, but manufacturers such as US Robotics are selling newer units which promise twice that rate but cost about £100 more.

Only a few people will be able to gain any benefit from these units at the moment. To make use of them, you need to be talking to a computer which also has a 28,800-baud modem. Most of the main online networks and Internet providers have yet to offer connection at this speed.

Speed can also be deceptive. Doubling the rate at which you connect to an online service will greatly increase the rate at which you can download files from it. But much of the time you spend online normally involves browsing from one part of the service to another, and that speed depends more on the computer system of the network than your modem.

Most networks are now running as fast as they can internally — moving from a 14,400-baud modem to a 28,800 will cut your time spent online only if you are in the business of shifting large chunks of data around, not simple, short e-mail messages.

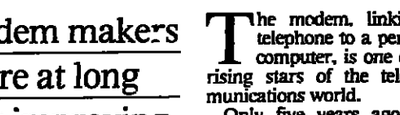
By the end of this year, Mr Hudson believes, 14,400 will have turned into the most basic speed level for modems and 28,800 will be much more affordable. At that stage, an upgrade to something faster may make sense, although you should not expect to see a dramatic halving of your data phone bills.

Modern modem speeds also depend on compression and good, clear phone lines. The data rates quoted are always the maximum and are not guaranteed.

If you have a 14,400 modem, check for yourself how fast it works by timing a one-megabyte file as it comes down the line from an online network. If you are truly running at 14,400, it should be a little over 11 minutes: often it can be half as long again.

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Market testing — mobile phones are now an everyday item, but care needs to be taken when selecting a system

Who will win the war in the air?

David Hewson offers a guide through the mobile phones jungle

Little more than ten years after the first cellular phones appeared on Britain's streets, the mobile phone has turned into an everyday item. The first models weighed several pounds, had a battery life of a few hours, and often struggled to find a line. Today's are tiny enough to fit in a jacket pocket and will run for a day or more on a single charge.

Along with better hardware has come more advanced telephony. Users now have to choose between older analogue systems and their more modern digital counterparts.

The veterans of the mobile-phone business, Vodafone and Cellnet, remain the biggest players, running both analogue and digital systems.

Pitched into battle against them are two new entirely digital rivals, Orange and Mercury's One-2-One. To confuse matters, the digital networks divide into two standards — GSM, which has been adopted by Vodafone and Cellnet, and the higher frequency PCN standard used by the two newcomers.

Consumers are frequently baffled by this proliferation of different services and standards, a situation that is not helped by the complexity of the contracts that anyone wanting a mobile phone must sign.

While business users may look more closely at the real costs of phone ownership, the average consumer often thinks of one thing alone — the price of the handset — and may then agree to an airtime contract which, in the end, is more expensive than that attached to a handset with a higher purchase price.

Some of the more dubious airtime tariffs have disappeared in recent years, but the rates that remain still, in many cases, make it difficult to predict which service is the best for you.

In reality, the costs of owning a mobile phone break down into three categories — the price of the handset, the fixed monthly airtime fee which you pay whether you use the phone or not, and the amount you are charged for each call. Some services include a set amount of free calls in the monthly fee.

Orange's basic tariff, which costs £17.62 per month, for example, allows for 15 minutes of free calls and then charges per second at the rate of 25p per minute peak and 12.5p off-peak. By comparison, a typical "cheap" analogue contract may offer a handset for about £15, and a monthly charge of about £13.

It may look a better deal until you read the small print which reveals that the analogue system charges peak rate calls in 30-second intervals at 42.5p per minute and will also add an extra £1.76 a month if you want to receive an itemised bill. Nor do any of the analogue services include an answering service which comes as standard for both Orange and One-2-One. For most users, the digital alternative may well work out cheaper than the analogue.

These differences may be less marked for heavier phone users. If you plan to make a lot of calls each month, you will normally be better served with a larger monthly fee and lower call charges. However complex the sets of tariffs you may encounter when buying a phone, the general rule that low monthly subscriptions spell high charges per call — and vice versa — always applies. And if you get it wrong when you buy your handset, you may be locked into the tariff for some time.

Digital handsets already match analogue ones in compactness and battery life. Standby times of 30 hours or more are now common on the latest pocket-sized models from companies like Nokia, Sharp, and Ericsson, though you may have to buy a special, heavier battery to get the longest life.

What will increasingly set analogue apart from digital is the level of service. At the moment, analogue networks have somewhat better national coverage: digital is improving but variable so you must check the coverage map before you buy.

GSM phones can increasingly be used abroad, especially in much of Europe, though call costs can be very high. Similar "roaming" agreements for PCN phones are expected in France, Germany and, eventually, America over the next few years.

Voice quality with digital phones is usually much better than that of analogue ones. You will still have calls that fail, and the sound has a crisp, crackly quality that is a little surprising at first, but overall most users seem impressed with what they hear.

Orange's market research estimates that half of its customers, who are mainly private or small-business users, have migrated to the service from existing analogue phones. If mobile data — being able to plug a notebook computer into your phone — interests you, digital is essential.

The nature of the digital network means that it is ideal for carrying data: the same feature also ensures privacy for digital-phone users. Their calls cannot be overheard in the same way that analogue ones may be intercepted by anyone with a suitable radio receiver.

What may eventually spur a mass migration to digital networks is simply overcrowding, however. Digital is a more efficient way of using scarce bandwidth on the airwaves.

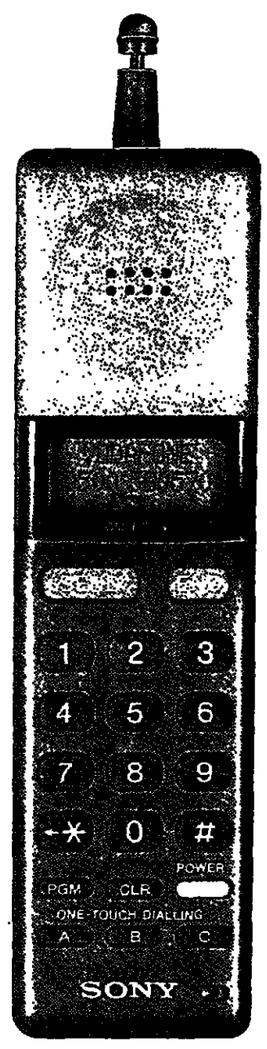
This will put increasing pressure on Vodafone and Cellnet who, unlike their PCN rivals, have to squeeze their GSM digital services alongside the analogue ones in the same 900 MHz frequency range. The more analogue continues to grow, the harder GSM subscribers may find it to get a line.

When analogue finally disappears, the same spectrum could handle up to 20 million digital users, far more than the real size of the British market.

Orange claims that its network alone will ultimately have room for 10 million users. But it will have to kick the analogue cuckoo out of the nest to get there.

As mobile phones continue to grow as an everyday personal electronics item, that battle for an available line could start to give the PCN networks an important advantage in the years to come.

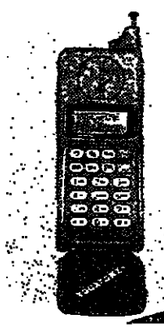
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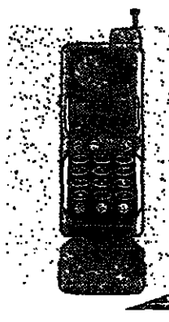
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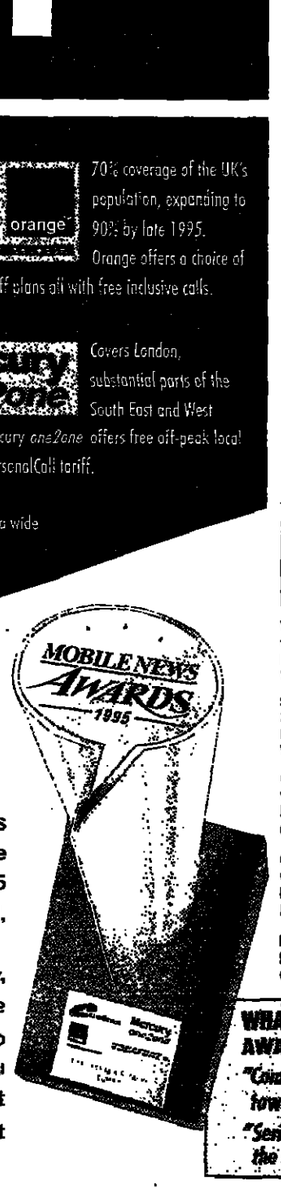
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Place your bets over a laptop

Chris Partridge reports on a revolution at the bookmakers

Using a portable computer when on the move has been a solitary occupation until now. The truly mobile computer is cut off from all the facilities that are taken for granted in the office: access over the network to e-mail, mainframe data, news services and the other advantages that are now part of everyday life for many executives.

Of course, it has been possible for some years to communicate over the cellular-phone network, but modems for the analogue services have been expensive and slow.

All this is set to change with the introduction of data services on the new digital mobile-phone systems. The GSM and PCN networks were designed with data in mind, so communication between a mobile computer and the office should be fast and therefore cheap. Users who need only data can sign up at very low monthly subscriptions.

The ability to send data over digital networks is expected to bring executives with notebook computers in touch with both their offices and the host of news and data services available over a phone line, including the Internet.

Chris Latter, the managing director of a computerised bookmakers called Betpoint, based in Waterlooville, Hampshire, is hoping a considerable amount of business could come his way as a result of the development.

His subscribers have software that runs on their personal computers, enabling them to log onto the computer at Betpoint, examine the odds, form and other information, and place bets using either a credit or debit card.

The cost and rarity of the hardware has so far limited the use of digital networks, but Betpoint already has more than 20 subscribers who regularly use mobile phones linked to a portable computer.

One of his subscribers is Sir Gerald Whent, chief executive of Vodafone and a well-known racing man. Vodafone was the first to launch a data service on its Eurodigital and Metrodigital services, late last year, while Orange will switch on its data service next month. Orange already offers a short message service on its network. Cellnet says it will be carrying data later this year.

The restricting factor at present is the hardware. Only Nokia has produced phones capable of handling data, and the necessary adaptor card to connect it to the computer.

The phone, although highly acclaimed technically, is expensive by analogue standards at £200, and the adaptor card even more so at a whopping £400.

Prices are expected to tumble once competition arrives and data over cellular begins to be used for more widespread commercial and industrial applications.

All subscribers to Vodafone's GSM voice network are automatically on the data network, but for people who want data only there is a monthly charge of £10.

"The system has been set up to look exactly like a fixed data link, so all your communications software will work in exactly the same way that it does on your desktop," says Ian Gerner, sales and marketing executive, at Vodaphone. "For the first time, people can move from their office to the street without noticing the difference." Until it starts raining, presumably.

"Several manufacturers are building data communications into palmtop machines that should be available in two or three years' time," Mr Gerner adds.

The aim is to produce a pocket computer that can double as a mobile phone, enabling the user to receive e-mail, faxes and pager messages on a pocket-sized unit.

Fortune favours Eddery after ban

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

PAT EDDERY completed a 119-1 four-timer at Goodwood yesterday but his performance in the saddle was eclipsed by a remarkable stroke of good fortune which will enable him to participate in a classic next week although the race coincides with a riding ban.

The ten times champion jockey was suspended for three days for careless riding while partnering Son Of Sharp Shot to victory in the second race yesterday and the ban will start tomorrow week (June 3), the day before the French Derby at Chantilly.

However, because there is no racing in Britain on June 4 the rules of racing dictate that the remaining two days of the suspension will take effect on June 5 and 6 — leaving Eddery free to ride in France's big race, where he is due to partner the John Dunlop-trained Indian Light.

Although the outcome is peculiar, to say the least, Eddery will feel there is some justice in the unpredictable world of stewards' rooms and riding suspensions. When he was banned for three days earlier this season it began on May 7, the date of the first Sunday race meeting staged in Britain, and cost him a ride in the 1,000 Guineas.

Eddery's riding prowess and the ban at least served to enliven an otherwise uninspiring day's racing. The third day of the Goodwood May meeting is rather flat after the opening two days which featured the Derby and Oaks trials.

John Dunlop, a director of the picturesque Sussex course, is keen for Goodwood to stage a £50,000 handicap for three-year-olds over ten furlongs on the final day next year in order to enliven proceedings, and exploratory talks have been held with the British Horseracing Board's race planning department and potential sponsors.

The race would appeal to owners and trainers of horses who had not been quite good enough in the classic trials, up-and-coming three-year-olds who had won maidens in taking style and last season's highly rated two-year-olds who were difficult to place.

Few such races exist and given the potential for ante-post betting I believe it is just the kind of race which the Tote should sponsor. The BBC, which at present broadcasts only the first two days of the meeting, might be encouraged to screen the whole meeting.

Son Of Sharp Shot kept up Dunlop's winner-a-day record at the meeting and is now likely to go for the Bessborough at Royal Ascot. The 13-8 favourite is best when held up and asked to come between horses in the final furlong and Eddery rode the five-year-old to perfection as he wriggled his way through the field to strike the front a hundred yards out in the Booker Foodservice Stakes. Similar tactics were employed by Eddery on Baron Ferdinand an hour later in the day's feature race, the Festival Stakes. The Roger Charlton-trained five-year-old seems to have benefited from being gelded during the winter and will now go for a group race in Europe.

Looking to the future, Flying Squaw impressed when winning the Royal Sussex Regiment Fillies' Stakes. In the parade ring before the race, the daughter of Be My Chief dwarfed her rivals and appears to have plenty of scope. In the race itself, she relaxed beautifully off the pace before quickening in taking style to beat the hitherto unbeaten Anotheranniversary with more to spare than the official margin of 1½ lengths.

The Mick Channon-trained filly cost 13,500 guineas as a yearling and her owner, Michael Foy, an orthopaedic surgeon from Swindon, turned down a 70,000 guineas offer after her winning debut at Sandown last month. She is likely to bypass the Queen Mary at Royal Ascot and wait for the six-furlong Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Eddery received a three-day ban after partnering Son Of Sharp Shot to victory at Goodwood yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TREGARAN
(3.00 Haydock Park)

Next best: Mistle Cat
(5.00 Haydock Park)

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2.00 Beautiful Ballad
2.30 Mixed Mood
3.00 Gadge
3.30 Red Bustaan
4.00 Distinct
4.30 Top Shop
5.00 Mistle Cat

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Top Shop. 5.00 MISTLE CAT (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 PARKSIDE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,566: 5f) (12 runners)

1 (9) ARC OF THE DIVER (R E M Partnership) J Berry 8-9 ... K Darley —
2 (10) SEEKING DESTINY (Flaring Nocatts Partnership) Mrs M McCourt 8-9 W Newnes —
3 (5) 0 BOZEMAN 35 (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-6 ... L Dettori —
4 (3) POWER GAME (Countrywide Racing) J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll —
5 (8) BOLD TIMES (J Hardman) P Evans 8-3 ... D Holland —
6 (2) 0 BROCKVILLE BAIRN 18 (A Menzies) Mrs A Swinbank 8-3 ... J Marshall 68
7 (12) 4 NORTHERN CLAN 13 (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 8-3 ... L Charnock 86
8 (6) SIZZLING SYMPHONY (J Campbell) R Fahey 8-3 ... A Culhane —
9 (4) 42 CAPTURE THE MOMENT 21 (BF) (Really Keen Paws) R Williams 8-1 M Roberts 92
10 (11) 4 BEAUTIFUL BALLAD 28 (K Al-Said) B Hills 7-12 ... A McGlone [illegible]
11 (7) 0 MAGICAL MIDNIGHT 62 (E Splatt) N Tinkler 7-12 ... Kim Tinkler —
12 (1) SCENICRIS (Mrs C Johnson) R Hollinshead 7-12 ... D Wright (3) —

BETTING: 2-1 Beautiful Ballad, 4-1 Arc Of The Diver, Capture The Moment, Power Game, 6-1 Northern Clan, 16-1 others.

1994: DANSU 8-6 R Cochrane (14-1) B Williams 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARC OF THE DIVER (foaled May 2, cost 14,000gns). Half-brother by Archway to 5f/6f juvenile winner A Smooth One and 6f/1m winner Tommelli; dam won at up to 1m 1f in France. BOZEMAN 18l last of 13 to Polish Legion in maiden at Newbury (5f, good to firm). POWER GAME (Feb 23, 10,000gns). Second foal, by Prince Sabo; dam 5f juvenile winner. BROCKVILLE BAIRN 9½l 8th of 12 to Eastern Prophets in a maiden auction at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). NORTHERN CLAN 12l 4th of 8 to Prince Aslia in a maiden auction at Beverley (5f, good to firm). CAPTURE THE MOMENT 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Foreman in a maiden auction at Newmarket (5f, good). BEAUTIFUL BALLAD 1¾l 4th of 12 to Flying Squaw in a maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good). MAGICAL MIDNIGHT 11l 12th of 13 to Kustom Kit in a maiden auction race at Doncaster (5f, good to firm).
Selection: BEAUTIFUL BALLAD

2.30 SILVERDALE APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,371: 6f) (14 runners)

1 (13) 3200-00 SOLO PRIZE 16 (S) (C Wright) P Howling 9-7 ... R Painter 94
2 (11) 500-20 FRANS LAD 15 (V) (F M Racing) J Berry 9-0 ... P Roberts 87
3 (7) 60-22 SHOWERY 30 (Lord Derby) J Watts 9-0 ... C Teague 89
4 (8) 410002 CRYSTAL LOOP 6 (D,G) (R Matthews) A Bailey 8-13 ... V Halliday 97
5 (9) 0-0100 COOL TACTICIAN 16 (D,G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-13 ... A Eddery (5) 90
6 (1) 0-600 GOOD MATCH 7 (P Grundy) N Tinkler 8-12 ... Mark Denaro 88
7 (12) 00530-5 SPARA TIR 34 (P Sinnamolia) Bob Jones 8-11 ... G Parkin 87
8 (5) 40-6842 RUPERT'S PRINCESS 15 (B,S) (F Salesbury) M Heaton-Ellis 8-5 . J Fowle (7) 90
9 (3) 5050-06 LA BOSSETTE 11 (B) (A Robinson) J Arnold 8-4 ... P P Murphy 86
10 (10) 42000-0 BORROWBY 13 (B) (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 8-2 ... P Fessey (3) 92
11 (2) 050-514 MIXED MOOD 15 (D,G) (Millstream Associates) B Palling 8-2 ... M Humphries [illegible]
12 (14) 260-0 BLUE LUGANA 18 (D Wright) N Bycroft 7-13 ... D Griffiths 97
13 (4) 0-50600 ONEINEVERYCOLOUR 5 (F) (M Lawrence) P Evans 7-13 ... Amanda Sanders 94
14 (6) 605-000 SEENTHELIGHT 22 (V,G) (Mrs M Pickering) D Moffatt 7-11 ... R Mullen (7) 92

BETTING: 3-1 Crystal Loop, 6-1 Rupert's Princess, Showery, 7-1 Solo Prize, 10-1 Cool Tactician, La Bossette, Mixed Mood, 12-1 others.

1994: ROBIN LAKE 8-8 Martin Dwyer (11-4 jt-fav) I Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOLO PRIZE 15l 9th of 12 to Go Hever Golf in a handicap at Chester (6f, good to firm) with COOL TACTICIAN 8l 10th and CRYSTAL LOOP (1lb better off) 7l last. SHOWERY 8l 2nd of 19 to Mac's Taxi in a handicap at Catterick (7f, good). CRYSTAL LOOP neck 2nd of 18 to Agoado in an apprentice handicap at Hamilton (5f, good to firm). RUPERT'S PRINCESS 1½l 2nd of 13 to Sea Devil in a seller at Southwell (AW, 6f). LA BOSSETTE 5½l 5th of 24 to Youdontsay in a handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm). BORROWBY 5½l 7th of 12 to Euro Sceptic in a handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). MIXED MOOD 3½l 4th of 16 to No Submission in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f) with FRANS LAD (8lb worse off) 2l 8th.
Selection: CRYSTAL LOOP

3.00 COAL PRODUCTS PHURNACITE HANDICAP
(£5,654: 1m 30yd) (11 runners)

1 (11) 000000 MASTER BEVELED 20 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs E Williams) P Evans 5-10-0 J Stack (5) 98
2 (7) 2/15-00 TOP GUIDE 18 (D,F) (M Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-9-10 ... J Tate (3) 90
3 (2) 000-303 SHOW FAITH 28 (D,G,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 5-9-10 ... K Darley 97
4 (9) 5/6136- DANCING HEIGHTS 316 (F) (R Leah) I Balding 4-9-6 ... W Ryan 88
5 (3) 64-53 TREGARON 23 (D Halin Jones) P Calver 4-9-4 ... M Birch 97
6 (1) 10-3635 GADGE 18 (D,S) (J R Leisure Ltd) D Morris 4-9-1 ... R Price [illegible]
7 (4) 5112-01 BLOCKADE 7 (D,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 6-9-1 (5ex) ... M Hills 98
8 (6) 00-6320 SPANISH VERDICT 20 (D,F,S) (Cox & Allen Ltd) Denys Smith 8-8-7 C Teague (5) 97
9 (10) 433121 DAWALIB 15 (D,F,G) (J Brown Ltd) D Haydn Jones 5-8-6 ... D Holland 97
10 (8) 0032-05 UP IN FLAMES 39 (M Kilner) M Hammond 4-8-5 ... J Carroll 91
11 (5) 31-5050 WORLD TRAVELLER 11 (V,G) (N Yong) W O'Gorman 4-8-4 ... L Dettori 96

BETTING: 7-2 Dawalib, 9-2 Blockade, 5-1 Tregaron, 6-1 Show Faith, 7-1 Dancing Heights, Gadge, 10-1 Master Beveled, 12-1 others.

1994: FOREVER DIAMONDS 7-10-1 M Birch (5-1) M H Easterby 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER BEVELED 6½l 7th of 10 to Burooj in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). SHOW FAITH 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Mr Martini in a handicap at Sandown (1m, good) with MASTER BEVELED (2lb better off) 4¼l 7th. DANCING HEIGHTS 6l 6th of 8 to Polka Dancer in a listed contest at Chepstow (1m 2f, good to firm). TREGARON 1¾l 3rd of 25 to Deevee in a handicap at Ascot (1m, good to firm). GADGE 4½l 5th of 11 to Desert Green in a handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm) with TOP GUIDE (5lb better off) 9½l 10th. BLOCKADE beat Sharp Rebuff 2½l in a 14-runner rated stakes at Newmarket (7f, good). SPANISH VERDICT 5l 2nd of 14 to Busy Banana in a handicap at Carlisle (1m, good) on penultimate start. DAWALIB beat Pab's Choice ¾l at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm).
Selection: BLOCKADE (nap)

3.30 SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £8,063: 1m 6f) (4 runners)

1 (4) 1-463 GREY SHOT 6 (S) (J Smith) I Balding 9-7 ... L Dettori 96
2 (3) 36-10 SARASOTA STORM 34 (S) (B Warren) M Bell 8-9 ... J Carroll 87
3 (1) 0-301 ASTROLABE 18 (B,F) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-7 ... M Hills [illegible]
4 (2) 012-52 RED BUSTAAN 25 (G) (A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-6 ... M Roberts 98

BETTING: 7-4 Astrolabe, 9-4 Red Bustaan, 5-2 Grey Shot, 7-2 Sarasota Storm.

1994: PTOTO 9-4 R Cochrane (7-2 jt-fav) L Cumani 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREY SHOT 1¾l 3rd of 7 to Korambi in a handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm). SARASOTA STORM beat Stone Cross 5l in a 7-runner maiden auction at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. ASTROLABE beat Monarch head in a 9-runner handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good to firm). RED BUSTAAN 1½l 2nd to Fatyama Crest in a handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good).
Selection: ASTROLABE

4.00 AGECROFT SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,598: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (3) DISTINCT (J Henderson) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll —
2 (1) 65 SNITCH 17 (G Baily) C Smith 8-11 ... K Darley 85
3 (5) 32 APRIL'S JOY 3 (Mrs S Blakeley) J Norton 8-6 ... A Culhane [illegible]
4 (6) 3 DOUG'S FOLLY 3 (R McAlpine) M W Easterby 8-6 ... L Dettori 97
5 (8) 0 HAVANA HEIGHTS 11 (A Cross) R Emery 8-6 ... D Wright (3) 80
6 (2) LUNAR MIST (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 8-6 ... V Slattery —
7 (7) 5 MOUNA EL ARAB 21 (BF) (B Kelany) J Berry 8-6 ... S D Williams 93
8 (4) PATHAZE (N Warriner) N Bycroft 8-6 ... S Maloney —

BETTING: 5-2 Distinct, 11-4 Doug's Folly, 7-2 April's Joy, 4-1 Snitch, 8-1 Mouna El Arab, 10-1 Pathaze, 12-1 others.

1994: POCKET EDITION 8-3 S Maloney (2-1 fav) M H Easterby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DISTINCT (Feb 27). Second foal, by Distinctly North; dam placed at 1m/1m 4f and over hurdles. APRIL'S JOY ¾l 2nd of 7 to Veshca Lady in a seller at Beverley (5f, good to firm) with DOUG'S FOLLY ¾l 3rd. Previously 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Arvzees in a seller at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) with SNITCH 1l 5th. HAVANA HEIGHTS 13l 7th of 10 to Amy Leigh in a maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 5f). LUNAR MIST (Jun 3). Half-brother by Komaite to 5f/6f winner Hershebar; dam won over 6f/7f. MOUNA EL ARAB 9½l 5th of 6 to La Volta in a maiden auction race at Hamilton (5f, good to firm).
Selection: APRIL'S JOY

4.30 LITTLETON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,896: 1m 3f 200yd) (6 runners)

1 (1) 0- CEPHISTA 308 (Howard de Walden) P Walwyn 8-11 ... D Holland 77
2 (5) 45- LUCAYAN SUNSHINE (Lucayan Stud) Lady Herries 8-11 ... K Darley —
3 (6) 0- PERIPATETIC 203 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ... Paul Eddery —
4 (2) 03 RAINELLE 13 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11 ... M Roberts 95
5 (4) 3-0 SWIVEL 11 (Lord Halifax) J Fanshawe 8-11 ... J Carroll 78
6 (3) 2 TOP SHOP 18 (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan [illegible]

BETTING: Evens Top Shop, 9-2 Rainelle, 5-1 Peripatetic, 6-1 Cephista, 7-1 Swivel, 8-1 Lucayan Sunshine.

1994: LITTLE SISTER 8-11 W R Swinburn (5-4 jt-fav) M Stoute 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CEPHISTA 9½l 7th of 9 to Agaarid in a maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm). PERIPATETIC 22l 11th of 19 to Taipan in a maiden at Doncaster (7f, soft). RAINELLE 5l last of 3 to Prussian Blue in a conditions race at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm). SWIVEL 12l 7th of 22 to Yoush in a maiden auction at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). TOP SHOP 2½l 2nd of 10 to Tillandsia in a maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to firm).
Selection: TOP SHOP

5.00 BICKERSHAW CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,148: 7f 30yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) 3361-22 FRAAM 40 (D,F,G,S) (M Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 6-9-12 ... Paul Eddery 90
2 (1) 61426-2 MISTLE CAT 27 (G,S) (P Chu) S Woods 5-9-10 ... W Ryan 93
3 (3) 103146- CARRANITA 202 (D,G,S) (Lamb Lane Assocs) B Palling 5-8-7 ... J Carroll 87
4 (5) 533-324 STORITHS 9 (B,F,G) (Mrs M Irwin) J Watts 5-9-7 ... B Thomson [illegible]
5 (4) 044-026 COOL JAZZ 27 (G) (S Manana) C Brittain 4-9-2 ... M Roberts 96

BETTING: 9-4 Mistle Cat, Fraam, 3-1 Storiths, 11-2 Carranita, 6-1 Cool Jazz.

1994: TORCH ROUGE 3-8-7 W Carson (11-10 fav) B Hills 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRAAM ¾l 2nd of 7 to Lear White in group III Premio Natale di Roma at Capannelle (1m, heavy). MISTLE CAT ¾l 2nd of 8 to Young Ern in a listed race at Leicester (7f, good to firm) with COOL JAZZ (8lb better off) 10½l 6th. CARRANITA 6l 6th of 13 to Double Blue in a listed race at Doncaster (6f, soft). STORITHS 3½l 4th of 10 to Jawaal in a listed handicap at York (1m, good). COOL JAZZ 1½l 2nd of 7 to Star Talent in a conditions race at Warwick (7f, good) on penultimate start with STORITHS 4l 3rd.
Selection: MISTLE CAT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Woods	3	8	37.5	M Hills	19	82	23.2
H Cecil	18	50	36.0	Paul Eddery	12	68	17.6
Bob Jones	5	17	29.4	L Dettori	19	112	17.0
M Heaton-Ellis	3	11	27.3	W Ryan	21	126	16.7
R Williams	5	19	26.3	W Newnes	6	36	16.7
P Walwyn	7	31	22.6	K Darley	15	106	14.2

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Imprimis. 2.40 Wathbat Mtoto. 3.10 Flair Lady. 3.40 Vaugrenier. 4.10 Dahiyah. 4.40 Tart And A Half.

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 VICTORIA GARDENS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f 213yd) (6 runners)

1 (3) 06 CAVEAT EMPTOR 32 S Dow 8-11 ... Stephen Davies 74
2 (5) 0253 DON'T TELL VICKI 3 J Moore 8-6 ... N Varley (5) 85
3 (4) 4 EUSKARA 13 M Usher 8-6 ... R Street 82
4 (1) 632 IMPRIMIS 5 C Allen 8-6 ... J Quinn [illegible]
5 (6) 00 RED SKY DELIGHT 25 P Butler 8-6 ... A Whelan (5) —
6 (2) 63 SOLVA MIST 31 L Holt 8-6 ... C Avery 74

8-11 Imprimis, 3-1 Don't Tell Vicki, 5-1 Caveat Emptor, 14-1 Euskara, 16-1 Solva Mist, 25-1 Red Sky Delight.

2.40 OLD STEINE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,631: 1m 1f 209yd) (5)

1 (1) -635 BERKELEY BOUNDER 17 P Cole 3-8-9 ... T Quinn 96
2 (5) 0-5 EMPOWER 50 R Hannon 3-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 98
3 (2) 460- GUEST ALLIANCE 214 A Moore 3-8-9 ... Candy Morris 79
4 (4) 00 BROCKTON LIGHT 13 (V) M Channon 3-8-4 ... C Rutter 82
5 (3) 4 WATHBAT MTOTO 8 L Cumani 3-8-4 ... J Quinn [illegible]

6-4 Wathbat Mtoto, 2-1 Berkeley Bounder, 3-1 Empower, 8-1 Guest Alliance, 20-1 Brockton Light.

3.10 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS MAY FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,502: 7f 214yd) (11)

1 (4) 6141 ARNDILLY 11 (B,D,F,G) B Meehan 4-10-5 (5ex) ... M Baird (5) 91
2 (2) 00-0 HIGH TYPHA 6 (F) M Channon 4-9-1 ... C Rutter 93
3 (6) 0-02 FLAIR LADY 4 (D,F) W G M Turner 4-9-0 ... P McCabe (5) 90
4 (3) 603- ELITE RACING 200 P Cole 3-8-8 ... T Quinn 98
5 (5) -424 POLLY GARTER 32 R Hannon 3-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 93
6 (10) 320- LIFE'S TOO SHORT 248 J Banks 4-8-6 ... J Quinn 90
7 (11) 6-00 PEDALTOTHEMETAL 11 P Mitchell 3-8-3 ... S O'Gorman 97
8 (9) 003- TOUT DE VAL 270 K Bishop 6-7-8 ... N Adams 89
9 (8) 0-00 BEZIRGAN 14 J Akehurst 4-7-7 ... N Varley (5) [illegible]
10 (1) 3210 MYJINKA 94 (B,G) J O'Donoghue 5-7-7 ... Iona Wands (7) 97
11 (7) 4500 MALINGERER 20J D Wilson 4-7-7 ... A Whelan (5) 80

11-4 Arndilly, 3-1 Polly Garter, 7-2 Flair Lady, 9-2 Elite Racing, 10-1 High Typha, Tout De Val, 12-1 Pedaltothemetal, 16-1 others.

3.40 GRAND PARADE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,045: 1m 3f 196yd) (4)

1 (3) 00 PADDY'S STORM 30 R Flower 9-0 ... J D Smith (5) —
2 (1) 5-03 VAUGRENIER 11 R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 94
3 (4) 2 KYMIN 7 L Cumani 8-9 ... T Quinn [illegible]
4 (2) 0-0 RISK A MILLION 28 J Jenkins 8-9 ... D Biggs —

4-7 Kymin, 5-4 Vaugrenier, 40-1 Risk A Million, 50-1 Paddy's Storm.

4.10 DOME HANDICAP (£3,245: 5f 213yd) (11)

1 (6) -101 SILENT EXPRESSION 1 (D,F,B) B Meehan 5-10-6 (6ex) ... M Baird (5) 97
2 (11) 4264 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 13 (C,D,G) R O'Sullivan 7-9-8 ... M Rimmer 94
3 (9) 0451 DAHIYAH 15 (V,CD,F) G L Moore 4-9-7 ... A Whelan (5) 93
4 (8) -000 SAMSOLOM 20 (CD,F,G) P Howling 7-9-7 ... J Quinn 97
5 (10) -415 TAFAHHUS 15 (CD,BF,F) R Armstrong 3-9-2 ... W Carson 92
6 (2) 0-10 THEROS 55 (D,G) R Hannon 3-8-13 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
7 (4) 02-0 AS SUCH 129 (B,G) N Callaghan 4-8-13 ... T Quinn —
8 (5) 0410 GIGGLESWICK GIRL 6 (D,F,G) M Channon 4-8-12 ... A Clark 93
9 (7) 0320 APOLLO RED 15 (CD,G,S) A Moore 6-8-11 ... Candy Morris 84
10 (3) /0 NIGHT ASSET 14 (D,G) J O'Donoghue 6-8-8 ... P McCabe (5) 84
11 (1) 1442 DAS ISLAND 62 (D,G) J Jenkins 3-8-4 ... D Biggs 80

7-2 Dahiyah, 9-2 Crystal Heights, 5-1 Silent Expression, Tafahhus, 6-1 Samsolom, 8-1 Das Island, 10-1 others.

4.40 BRIGHTON CENTRE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,074: 5f 59yd) (5)

1 (3) -042 TART AND A HALF 13 (B,CD,F) B Meehan 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 98
2 (4) 2125 CHEWIT 13 (G) A Moore 9-5 ... Candy Morris 93
3 (5) 3650 MUSICA 6 (V,D,G) M Channon 9-1 ... T Quinn 96
4 (1) 10-2 SHASHI 6 (D,F) D Morley 8-12 ... W Carson [illegible]
5 (2) 2240 PORTELET 4 R Williams 7-12 ... D Biggs 94

7-4 Shashi, 2-1 Chewit, 9-4 Tart And A Half, 8-1 Musica, 20-1 Portelet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 20 winners from 56 runners, 35.7%; B Meehan, 11 from 45, 24.4%; R Hannon, 42 from 195, 21.5%; R Armstrong, 4 from 19, 21.1%; P Cole, 14 from 103, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: P McCabe, 5 winners from 15 rides, 33.3%; W Carson, 37 from 141, 26.2%; Pat Eddery, 21 from 90, 23.3%; T Quinn, 40 from 211, 19.0%; Stephen Davies, 7 from 38, 18.4%.

☐ Sayyedati was caught on the line and beaten a head by the 5.8-1 chance, Cherokee Rose, in the group three £26,347 Prix du Palais-Royal (7f) at Longchamp yesterday. Walter Swinburn took Clive Brittain's mare into the lead approaching the final furlong, but had no answer to the late burst of the winner.

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TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

6.25 Donna Del Lago. 6.55 Just Supposen. 7.25 Glemot. 7.55 Balda Boy. 8.25 Honest Word. 8.55 Greenback.

Brian Beel: 7.55 Balda Boy. 8.25 Honest Word.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

6.25 DISCOVERY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,066: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

1 1111 DONNA DEL LAGO 20 (B,F) Mrs M McCourt 9-12-0 ... G McCourt
2 P625 ZAMIRAH 13 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-11 ... C Llewellyn
3 5/26 ASCOT LAD 24 (F,G) B De Haan 10-11-6 ... R Dunwoody
4 -44F HELMAR 45 (S) F Jordan 9-10-12 ... J Lodder
5 5036 RELTIC 13 (G) C Broad 8-10-8 ... G Hogan (5)
6 524F MANOR RHYME 10 J McConnochie 8-10-5 ... S McNeill
7 553P SAYH 66 (S) J White 5-10-3 ... D Bridgwater
8 3202 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 20 (V,G,S) W Clay 8-10-3 ... R Farrant
9 FP44 WATERMEAD 10 (F) C Mann 10-10-3 ... J Railton
10 PP6F RHOMAN FUN 11 (G) G Ham 6-10-0 ... D Gallagher
11 4U3P KETFORD BRIDGE 10 R Dickin 8-10-0 ... D Meredith
12 -UP4 APOLLO VENTURE 20 P Butler 7-10-0 ... F Leahy (3)

5-2 Donna Del Lago, 7-2 Zamirah, 6-1 Ascot Lad, 7-1 Pollerton's Pride, 8-1 Manor Rhyme, 14-1 Watermead, 16-1 others.

6.55 HARTWELL WELLINGBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,303: 2m) (8)

1 5312 JUST SUPPOSEN 16 (D,F) B Rothwell 4-11-2 ... R Dunwoody
2 006P BARBARY REEF 10 (G) H Manners 7-11-0 ... Mr G Brown
3 00 GONE AWAY 217 Mrs I McKie 6-11-0 ... L Harvey
4 F022 INDIE ROCK 21 C Mann 5-11-0 ... J Railton
5 5-50 SUVLA BAY 35 D Brennan 7-11-0 ... M Brennan
6 22 BALLACHIO 9 (BF) P Hobbs 4-10-9 ... Peter Hobbs
7 MILADY N Gaselee 5-10-9 ... C Llewellyn
8 5F00 SAMS QUEEN 39 (B) J Upson 6-10-9 ... J Supple (3)

6-4 Ballachio, 3-1 Just Supposen, 7-2 Indie Rock, 8-1 Suvla Bay, 12-1 Milady, 14-1 Gone Away, 25-1 others.

7.25 BEST 4 x 4 x FA HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,444: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 U231 GLEMOT 21 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
2 4321 WICKFIELD LAD 29 (D,F,S) N Babbage 12-10-0 ... D Bridgwater
3 1421 RATHER SHARP 10 (CD,F,S) J C Popham 9-10-0 (7ex) ... M A Fitzgerald
4 0351 YOUNG ALFIE 11 (B,CD,F,S) J Pawert 10-10-0 (7ex) ... A P McCoy

4-7 Glemot, 7-2 Wickfield Lad, 6-1 Rather Sharp, 8-1 Young Alfie.

7.55 LAND ROVER GENTLEMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP — SKY
(Hunters chase: amateurs: £4,182: 3m 1f) (14)

1 0201 BALDA BOY 6 (G,S) R Bevis 11-12-4 ... R Bevis
2 3461 BOW HANDY MAN 13P (D,F,G,S) J Gledson 13-12-4 ... T Scott
3 4U1S FOLK DANCE 20P (D,F,G,S) S Breen 13-12-4 ... F Jackson
4 P362 GATTERSTOWN 26P (C,G) Mrs N Gotts 12-12-4 ... Michael Traung
5 R2PR GREENHILLS PRIDE 18P (F,G,S) T Mayes 11-12-4 ... A Sansome
6 2231 GREENWINE 20P (B,F,G) G Chambers 9-12-4 ... L Jefford
7 2121 SHARINSKI 12P (F,G,S) A Brewer 8-12-4 ... M Jackson
8 6U1F SOLAR GREEN 6 (BF,F,G,S) S Brookshaw 10-12-4 ... R Ford
9 4411 TARTAN TORNADO 27P (F,G) Mrs P Lowe 9-12-4 ... P Johnson
10 2134 TOMPET 7 (D,F,G) Miss C Hicks 9-12-4 ... R Hicks
11 4241 ALPHA ONE 13P (CD,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 10-12-0 ... D Pease
12 0134 WELSH LEGION 26 (F,G,S) G Lewis 10-12-0 ... J Jukes
13 11RP CASTLEBAY LAD 34P (BF,S) C Coyne 12-11-9 ... C Coyne
14 F112 OLD MILL STREAM 5P (F,G) A Garland 9-11-9 ... R Armson

11-4 Balda Boy, 4-1 Solar Green, 7-1 Old Mill Stream, Tartan Tornado, 10-1 Castlebay Lad, 12-1 Tompet, Welsh Legion, 16-1 others.

8.25 DEFENDER HUNTERS CHASE — SKY
(Amateurs: £1,214: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 4P11 RYTON RUN 20 (F,G) Mrs S Odell 10-12-6 ... J Trice-Rolph (5)
2 -002 AL HASHIMI 34 (D,F,G,S) N Ridout 11-11-13 ... N Ridout (7)
3 P100 BILLHEAD 4 (G) S Kitching 9-11-13 ... R Johnson (7)
4 41U6 CASINO MAGIC 18P (F,G,S) J Spearing 11-11-13 ... Miss T Spearing (7)
5 -UFP EMRYS 12P (F) (D) T Jones 12-11-13 ... M Rimell (5)
6 3405 FRAMPTON HOUSE 7 (S) A Peachey 13-11-13 ... B Pollock (5)
7 -1P4 HAPPY PADDY 9 (B,F) B Summers 12-11-13 ... A Sansome (7)
8 -R02 HONEST WORD 4 (B,S) S Brookshaw 10-11-13 ... R Ford (7)
9 R255 MAJOR INQUIRY 8 (B,F,G,S) N Powler 9-11-13 ... Miss H C Pewter (7)
10 3F53 MOVING FORCE 13P (G,S) P Williams 8-11-13 ... J Tudor (7)
11 P3PP SILVER CANNON 39P (F,G) Miss A Newton-Smith 13-11-13 ... P Ball (7)
12 UU63 WELLINGTON BROWN 7 (F,G,S) J Mitchell 11-11-13 ... Mrs C Mitchell (7)

4-5 Honest Word, 4-1 Ryton Run, 6-1 Wellington Brown, 14-1 Casino Magic, 20-1 others.

8.55 RANGE ROVER CLASSIC HANDICAP HURDLE — SKY
(£2,884: 2m) (6)

1 3102 LUSTRINO 8 (B,D,G,S) C Mann 5-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 1100 GREENBACK 29 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 4-11-9 ... Peter Hobbs
3 3332 MARSH'S LAW 11 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Brennan 8-10-4 ... M Brennan
4 0235 ATHERTON GREEN 2 (D,F,G) J Glover 5-10-0 ... A S Smith
5 103P TIR NA NOG 9 (B,D,F,G) Miss L Shally 6-10-0 ... J Ryan
6 PF24 DARINGLY 254 (D,G) H Manners 6-10-0 ... Mr G Brown

6-4 Lustrino, 7-4 Greenback, 4-1 Marsh's Law, 12-1 Tir Na Nog, 14-1 Atherton Green, 16-1 Daringly.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss C Saunders, 10 winners from 16 runners, 62.5%; J Spearing, 4 from 15, 26.7%; D Brennan, 26 from 102, 25.5%; Mrs I McKie, 14 from 68, 20.6%; J Upson, 10 from 57, 17.5%; R Dickin, 4 from 29, 13.8%; N Twiston-Davies, 9 from 67, 13.4%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 26 winners from 96 rides, 27.1%; A P McCoy, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 117, 17.9%; D Bridgwater, 12 from 83, 14.5%; C Llewellyn, 12 from 92, 13.0%; D Gallagher, 6 from 50, 12.0%.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 2.40 Brockton Light. 4.40 Musica, Tart And A Half. HAYDOCK PARK: 2.30 Frans Lad, Seenthelight. NOTTINGHAM: 3.50 Fortuitous. 4.20 Shy Paddy. 4.50 Can't Say, Moled Again. PONTEFRACT: 6.45 Honest Achiever, Out Of The Mist. 8.35 Clurican, Fryup Satellite. TOWCESTER: 6.55 Barbary Reef, Sams Queen. 8.25 Major Inquiry.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.20 Dots Dee. 2.50 Harry Browne. 3.20 Victoria Venture. 3.50 Marketeer Magic. 4.20 Celeric. 4.50 Dalcross.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 TOP CAT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Disallowed.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS
DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 ARNOLD SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,243: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

101 0-00 DIAMOND CROWN 6 (CD,F) M Wane 4-9-10 ... K Fallon 16
102 420- SINCLAIR LAD 272 (B,C,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-9-10 ... S Drowne (5) 23
103 0-00 PORTOLANO 24 W Clay 4-9-7 ... M Wigham 9
104 0004 GREEK GOLD 5 (D,G) D Nicholls 6-9-7 ... Alex Greaves 13
105 0106 CALISAR 21 (F,G,S) P Howling 5-9-5 ... R Cochrane 14
106 8500 GOLDENBERRY 7 J Parkes 4-9-3 ... M Deering 8
107 000- INDIAN JOCKEY 253 P McBride 3-9-0 ... A Mackay 12
108 0-00 CASTLETOWN COUNT 5 (F) K Hogg 3-9-0 ... A Garth (3) 21
109 5304 ANN HILL 48 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-13 ... D Harrison 22
110 040- BRONZE RUNNER 221 (B,CD,F,G) S Mellor 11-8-12 ... A Daly (7) 19
111 004- MAI PEN RAI 340 (F,S) R Hodges 7-8-11 ... T Sprake 8
112 8520 PRESTO BOY 105 (BF) M Bell 3-8-10 ... M Fenton 3
113 040- MERSEYSIDE MAN 493 (V,D,F,G) J Scargill 8-8-9 ... C Domergue (7) 15
114 00-0 GAMZATTI 30 C Booth 4-8-7 ... M Tebbutt 11
115 4000 SWYNFORD FLYER 27 (F,G) J A Harris 6-8-7 ... S Sanders (3) 2
116 /50- MY RORE 188J P Bevan 4-8-7 ... N Carlisle 7
117 5260 ARROGANT BOY 53 D Chapman 6-8-7 ... Dean McKeown 20
118 6345 TREMOLANTE 53 J Wilson 4-8-7 ... P Robinson 1
119 0000 NEVER TIME 18 Mrs V Aconley 3-8-5 ... D R McCabe (3) 5
120 2-05 DOTS DEE 14 (F) J Bradley 5-8-2 ... G Duffield 4
121 -000 LONGCROFT 24 K Hogg 3-8-0 ... D Lockhart (7) 18
122 00-0 TOCCO JEWEL 6 (S) M Ryan 5-8-0 ... G Bardwell 10
123 -005 TO PROVE A POINT 16 (B) J J O'Neill 3-7-11 ... N Kennedy 17

4-1 Greek Gold, 9-2 Calisar, 5-1 Presto Boy, 6-1 Ann Hill, 7-1 Castletown Count, 8-1 Sinclair Lad, 10-1 Never Time, 12-1 others.

2.50 McEWANS LAGER HANDICAP
(£3,703: 1m 1f 213yd) (9)

201 0-54 ADILOV 18 J Fanshawe 3-9-10 ... D Harrison 9
202 0-06 ART TATUM 31 (G,S) R Hannon 4-9-7 ... R Hills 1
203 30-0 ALL THE JOYS 15 C Cyzer 4-9-4 ... R Cochrane 8
204 5031 NO SUBMISSION 15 (D,G,S) D Chapman 9-9-2 ... Dean McKeown 2
205 000- RUDDIGORE 259 R Hannon 3-9-0 ... G Carter 3
206 2-00 EAST BARNS 14 (B,F,G,S) S Gollings 7-8-13 ... F Norton 7
207 50-3 SPARKLING ROBERTA 13 (G) M Usher 4-8-12 ... C Adamson (7) 6
208 50V COURSE FISHING 582 B McMahon 4-8-11 ... G Duffield 4
209 6255 HARRY BROWNE 11 (G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-10 ... K Fallon 5

11-4 Adilov, 3-1 Art Tatum, 4-1 No Submission, Harry Browne, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 5 winners from 23 runners, 21.7%; M Prescott, 7 from 33, 21.2%; H Thomson Jones, 3 from 19, 15.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 5 from 33, 15.2%; Mrs J Ramsden, 11 from 76, 14.5%.

JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 11 winners from 55 rides, 20.0%; P Robinson, 10 from 67, 14.9%; M Fenton, 6 from 41, 14.6%; T Sprake, 6 from 44, 13.6%; K Fallon, 8 from 63, 12.7%, R Hills, 7 from 69, 10.1%.

3.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,623: 6f 15yd) (7)

301 8 DISALLOWED 28 M Bell 8-11 ... M Fenton 1
302 HONEST GUEST M Tompkins 8-11 ... P Robinson 6
303 6 KEY TO A MILLION 27 R Hannon 8-11 ... G Carter 2
304 8 LADY ECLAT 48 J Glover 8-11 ... R Cochrane 4
305 22 TOP CAT 27 E Weymes 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 3
306 66 VICTORIA VENTURE 7 S Woods 8-11 ... T Ives 5
307 WELSH MELODY K Burke 8-11 ... A Tucker 7

9-4 Top Cat, 3-1 Disallowed, 7-2 Key To A Million, 4-1 Victoria Venture, 12-1 Honest Guest, 14-1 Welsh Melody, 25-1 Lady Eclat.

3.50 RADCLIFFE CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,519: 6f 15yd) (7)

401 MAZOSKI P Haslam 8-13 ... J Fortune 7
402 2114 ARVZEES 8 (F) M Channon 8-12 ... D Harrison 2
403 04 MARKETEER MAGIC 11 J Berry 8-12 ... G Carter 6
404 2 CHIK'S SECRET 11 B Palling 8-11 ... T Sprake 3
405 50 FORTUITOUS 29 (V) J Jenkins 8-11 ... S Sanders (3) 5
406 0 IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 13 K Ivory 8-8 ... G Duffield 1
407 MISS IMPULSE J Wharton 8-1 ... A Mackay 4

9-4 Arvzees, 11-4 Marketeer Magic, 3-1 Chik's Secret, 5-1 Mazoski, 10-1 Miss Impulse, 14-1 Fortuitous, 50-1 Ivory's Grab Hire.

4.20 GEDLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,037: 1m 6f 15yd) (10)

501 46-1 CELERIC 18 (F) D Morley 9-7 ... R Hills 8
502 035 INVEST WISELY 14 J Eustace 8-12 ... NON-RUNNER 6
503 1030 MR MACTAVISH 18 (G) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... G Duffield 1
504 0161 DODDINGTON FLYER 18 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 8-8 ... A Garth (3) 10
505 00-0 SHAMEKH 37 J Banks 8-6 ... R Cochrane 4
506 1-03 SHY PADDY 97 (B,G) K Cunningham-Brown 8-4 ... G Carter 3
507 -004 GREYCOAT BOY 18 B Meehan 8-2 ... D Harrison 9
508 -025 CARNBREA BELLE 21 (BF) M Bell 8-0 ... J Fanning 7
509 3320 RECOVERY LAD 15 K Burke 7-8 ... N Kennedy 2
510 5320 AL CORNICHE 18 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 7-7 ... N Carlisle 5

9-4 Celeric, 3-1 Doddington Flyer, 9-2 Greycoat Boy, 6-1 Mr Mactavish, 8-1 Carnbrea Belle, 10-1 Al Corniche, 12-1 others.

4.50 COLWICK APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,243: 1m 54yd) (20)

601 006- PRIM LASS 170 J Hetherton 4-9-11 ... A Lakeman (5) 15
602 050 MISS JEMMIMA 34 (BF) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-7 ... Aimee Cook (8) 17
603 05-5 DOMITIA 32 M Bell 3-9-6 ... G Faulkner (3) 11
604 40-4 ROBIN ISLAND 14 R Hannon 3-9-6 ... Dane O'Neill (3) 4
605 05-0 SOCIAL REGISTER 41 H Thomson Jones 3-9-4 ... Catherine Cooper (8) 6
606 4-43 OPERA FAN 118 (BF) M Prescott 3-9-4 ... G Mitchell 2
607 -060 THE CAPE DOCTOR 32 A Foster 3-9-0 ... Martin Dwyer 18
608 0-00 DALCROSS 25 H Collingridge 4-8-13 ... S Lanigan 1
609 045- HIGHBANK 307 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-13 ... D Denby (6) 19
610 00-0 DARING RYDE 29 J South 4-8-9 ... L Suthern 10
611 -000 MAGICAL BID 24 J Bradley 3-8-9 ... R Waterfield (3) 13
612 03-0 HONEST WOMAN 18 N Berry 4-8-7 ... Adelle Gibbons (5) 12
613 00-0 CATAWAMPUS 27 C James 4-8-6 ... J Wilkinson (5) 3
614 -300 CEDAR DANCER 15 R Hodges 3-8-4 ... Jo Hunnam (5) 20
615 00-3 NUNNERY GROVE 24 T Thomson Jones 3-8-4 ... M Henry 14
616 5550 MR MORIARTY 39 S Bowring 4-8-1 ... A Daly (3) 8
617 040U SCENT OF POWER 16 M Wane 5-8-1 ... M Semple (10) 5
618 0-00 MOLED AGAIN 25 (V) J Bosley 4-8-0 ... D Lockhart (7) 9
619 0-00 CAN'T SAY 18 (V) J Bradley 3-7-12 ... C Adamson 7
620 0-00 GILPA TRINKETS 4 D Chapman 3-7-12 ... J Bramhill (5) 16

4-1 Robin Island, 5-1 Miss Jemmima, 13-2 Nunnery Grove, 7-1 Domitia, Highbank, 10-1 Opera Fan, 12-1 others.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

6.45 Reported. 7.10 Achilles Heel. 7.35 Incarvillea. 8.05 Shinerolla. 8.35 ADVANCE EAST (nap). 9.05 Pumice.

GOING: GOOD — SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.45 COURSE BOOKMAKERS CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,084: 1m 4yd) (14 runners)

1 0 OUR MAIN MAN 20 R Whitaker 5-9-7 ... A Culhane 9
2 010- DAAWE 305 (G,S) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-11 ... M Deering 11
3 00-4 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 28 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11 ... K Darley 2
4 00-8 OUT OF THE MIST 17 (B) J Pickering 4-8-10 ... N Carlisle 14
5 R-60 PHARAZINI 13 M Camacho 4-8-8 ... L Charnock 1
6 05-1 REPORTED 13 (F,G,S) B Preece 6-8-8 ... L Dettori 3
7 BALI TENDER 39J M W Easterby 4-8-7 ... M Birch 5
8 0 BROTHER BARNABAS 51 C Thornton 4-8-7 ... Dean McKeown 8
9 -005 RAFTER-J 11 (C,S) J A Harris 4-8-7 ... K Fallon 10
10 060- KENILWORTH FORD 293 F O'Mahony 4-8-6 ... M McAndrew 12
11 1422 ROSEATE LODGE 5 (CD,BF,F,G) K Burke 9-8-5 ... T Ives 6
12 -806 LEVEL EDGE 5 (D,G,S) M Hammond 4-8-1 ... Dale Gibson 13
13 000 HONEST ACHIEVER 25 (B) A James 4-8-0 ... F Norton 4
14 0680 NAKITA 11 (F,S) C Allen 4-8-0 ... E Johnson 7

3-1 Once More For Luck, 9-2 Roseate Lodge, 6-1 Reported, 7-1 Nakita, 8-1 Pharazini, 10-1 Daawe, Level Edge, 12-1 others.

7.10 NORTHERN RACING SCHOOL HANDICAP
(£3,553: 1m 2f 6yd) (12)

1 000- MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 237 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 9-9-10 ... J Marshall 1
2 0502 AUGUSTAN 13 (V,D,F) S Gollings 4-9-6 ... D Holland 12
3 4101 LARN FORT 17 (V,D,F,G,S) C Fairhurst 5-9-2 ... R Cochrane 2
4 0-30 BENJAMINS LAW 17 J Pickering 4-8-12 ... Dean McKeown 7
5 0606 ACHILLES HEEL 8 (B) C Allen 4-8-12 ... T Ives 4
6 1430 CHARLIE BIGTIME 15 (V,CD,F,G) D Thom 5-8-11 ... A Mackay 11
7 4550 BRACKENTHWAITE 88 (D,G) L Lloyd-James 5-8-9 ... Kimberley Hart (7) 8
8 005- STRAW THATCH 187 (S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-8 ... K Fallon 5
9 660- FORT VALLY 208 (F) B Murray 5-8-5 ... Martin Dwyer (7) 3
10 00-0 KANAT LEE 17 (F) E Incisa 4-8-3 ... Kim Tinkler 9
11 0-13 SUDDEN SPIN 126 (BF,G) S Norton 5-8-2 ... J Stack (5) 6
12 0/0 ALLIMAC NOMIS 25 (F) I Campbell 6-7-11 ... Dale Gibson 10

3-1 Larn Fort, 4-1 Augustan, 6-1 Straw Thatch, Sudden Spin, 7-1 Master Ofthe House, 8-1 Charlie Bigtime, 10-1 Achilles Heel, 12-1 others.

7.35 TOTE CONDITIONS STAKES — SKY
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,982: 6f) (5)

1 311 KUMUCU 16 (F,G) T Barron 9-0 ... K Darley 2
2 1 INCARVILLEA 37 (F) D Loder 8-12 ... L Dettori 4
3 23 BUTTERWICK BELLE 27 R Fahey 8-8 ... A Culhane 5
4 262 GAGAJULU 11 P Evans 8-8 ... J Fortune 3
5 5132 SATELLITE STAR 7 (F) M Channon 8-8 ... D Harrison 1

4-7 Incarvillea, 4-1 Kumucu, 9-2 Satellite Star, 16-1 Gagajulu, Butterwick Belle.

8.05 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP — SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,915: 1m 4yd) (6)

1 320- PRINCE'S FEATHER 240 (BF) D Morley 9-7 ... L Dettori 5
2 221- JUWELLA 265 (F) J Payne 9-2 ... G Bardwell 4
3 5102 DANEGOLD 8 (V,D,F) M Channon 9-2 ... D Harrison 6
4 2212 SHINEROLLA 8 (CD,F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-1 ... K Fallon 3
5 5210 CHADLEIGH LANE 16 (G) R Hollinshead 8-8 ... K Darley 2
6 550- TRUMBLE 223 C Thornton 8-4 ... A Mackay 1

8-4 Shinerolla, 7-2 Danegold, 4-1 Prince's Feather, 5-1 Juwella, 10-1 Chadleigh Lane, 16-1 Trumble.

8.35 NRS LIBRARY HANDICAP — SKY
(£3,699: 1m 4f 8yd) (13)

1 342/ BID 20J (F) Mrs S Smith 6-10-0 ... Dean McKeown 4
2 -000 MUZRAK 14 M Hammond 4-9-0 ... T Ives 6
3 050- COLLEGE DON 206 M Bielby 4-8-0 ... R Cochrane 11
4 20-5 ADMIRALS SECRET 139 (D,G) C Wall 6-9-0 ... N Carlisle 6
5 D/00 CLURICAN 16 (B,S) N Tinkler 6-8-9 ... L Dettori 9
6 6321 RASAYEL 4 (F,G) P Evans 5-8-9 (5ex) ... K Darley 7
7 0-62 ADVANCE EAST 18 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7 ... K Fallon 3
8 00-4 LATE MAIL 15 J Eustace 3-8-7 ... M Tebbutt 2
9 40/4 NORTHERN KINGDOM 31 (D,G) S Norton 6-8-7 ... J Fortune 5
10 65-0 ABALENE 14 (D,G) T Donnelly 6-7-12 ... J Fanning 13
11 4-03 MAC RAMBLER 8 N Bycroft 8-7-7 ... N Kennedy 10
12 -060 FRYUP SATELLITE 22 (B) L Lloyd-James 4-7-7 ... M Deering 1
13 580- ESCAPE TALK 364 (D,F) J Dooler 8-7-7 ... G Bardwell 12

5-2 Advance East, 7-2 Rasayel, 4-1 Admirals Secret, 9-2 Northern Kingdom, 10-1 Late Mail, 12-1 Bid, Mac Rambler, 14-1 others.

9.05 FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN RACING SCHOOL MAIDEN STAKES — SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,794: 6f) (13)

1 0-50 BEDOUIN INVADER 18 M Stoute 9-0 ... D Holland 11
2 FIRM CONTRACT C Allen 9-0 ... T Ives 7
3 2440 FORZAIR 11 M McCormack 9-0 ... K Fallon 10
4 25- MR TEIGH 282 K McAuliffe 9-0 ... J Tate (3) 4
5 53-2 TWICE AS SHARP 38 P Harris 9-0 ... R Cochrane 6
6 6 DONNA FUGATA 25 C Booth 8-9 ... M Birch 9
7 HANDSOME SQUAW B Murray 8-9 ... S Maloney 1
8 3 HARRY'S TREAT 30 J Eyre 8-9 ... J Fortune 12
9 5-25 INTIAASH 19 P Walwyn 8-9 ... R Hills 2
10 630- IRISH ANGEL 260 C Smith 8-9 ... J Stack (5) 13
11 3-25 KHAMSEH 24 J Watts 8-9 ... L Dettori 5
12 ME CHEROKEE C Thornton 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 8
13 53- PUMICE 246 L Cumani 8-9 ... K Darley 3

5-2 Twice As Sharp, 9-2 Pumice, 5-1 Bedouin Invader, Khamseh, 6-1 Intiaash, 10-1 Mr Teigh, Harry's Treat, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 6 winners from 26 runners, 23.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 96, 18.8%; M Channon, 5 from 32, 15.6%; M Camacho, 4 from 27, 14.8%; L Cumani, 3 from 21, 14.3%; Mrs J Ramsden, 17 from 131, 13.0%; R Hollinshead, 21 from 168, 12.5%; J Watts, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 18 winners from 95 rides, 18.9%; R Hills, 12 from 75, 16.0%; K Fallon, 17 from 126, 13.5%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 23, 13.0%; K Darley, 21 from 167, 12.6%; R Cochrane, 8 from 69, 11.6%; J Stack, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

European champions build for future

Generation game forms basis for Ajax cup triumph

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE dressing-room of the new European champions, Ajax, of Amsterdam, on Wednesday night provided graphic and emotional insight into the generation game, the sense of continuity, that captured the European Cup.

Frank Rijkaard, something of an elder statesman among a team of apprentices, stood literally shaking in the centre of the room. He clasped a journalist, an old friend from his own youth, and that journalist, Jaap de Groote, later commented: "I have never known this from Frank before. He was trembling from head to toe, there was so much feeling running through him."

Rijkaard, born in Amsterdam of Surinam roots, retired on Wednesday night, going out as he always intended, "at the top, so that people may remember me for being a half-decent football player".

He went out, at 32, by defeating AC Milan, the team to which he had transferred after his own schooling with Ajax, and the Italian team with which he had won the first two of his three medals as a European champion.

Anyone who kept an eye on Rijkaard as the teams were limbering up, or throughout the tense 90 minutes of the final, would have been aware of his almost paternal protectiveness of the young, gifted, black teenagers who are following in his footsteps quite literally all the way from Surinam, a former Dutch colony.

Let us re-enter the dressing-room in Vienna. From Rijkaard, look to the right. There, as tall as the man himself, built almost in his image, stands Patrick Kluivert. He, the player whose touch brought the only goal of the game on Wednesday, inevitably received the final pass in a marvellous, fluid length-of-the field movement from Rijkaard.

Kluivert recalls his first days at the famous Ajax kindergarten. He was seven years old and still possesses a photograph taken of him on the day that he was the club mascot, alongside his inspiration, Rijkaard. Full circle they go in Amsterdam. And, now that Rijkaard's time is up, it will be for Kluivert to carry on the mantle.

Feyenoord retained the Dutch Cup yesterday with a 2-1 victory over FC Volendam with goals from Taument and Obiku. Wasiman scored for Volendam.

But, in another corner of the dressing-room, Louis van Gaal, who has coached all the Ajax players from schoolboy to youth, is admitting that the very success of Wednesday night could presage the break-up of the new European champion. Two others, Clarence Seedorf and Edgar Davids, are both hearing telephone-number offers from scouts representing leading clubs in Spain and Italy.

Such is the swell of talent in van Gaal's squad that he can afford to let some of them fly the nest. Ajax, building a magnificent new stadium, must sell to achieve its long-term aims and ambitions.

But, when Rijkaard clears his head of personal emotion, when he stands alone long after the celebrating has begun, he makes a plea: "Leave Kluivert alone for a while. He is too young to go to Italy just yet. He will develop better by staying with Ajax."

What a contrast in the dressing-room across the corridor in the Ernst Happel stadium. There, time has grown heavy on the old champions. Franco Baresi, despite having signed a year's extension to his contract at the age of 35, knows in his bones how much the swifter, younger Ajax players exposed him. Midfielder Daniel Massaro also cannot expect to be around when, if, Milan return to the European Cup competition that they had dominated by reaching five of the past seven finals.

There is only relative sadness in their decline for, on Wednesday, it was clear that they spent most of the second half waiting and hoping for the arrival of extra time. Quite what would have happened to their lung-power then, we can only guess.

But Alan Shearer, in the stadium to get the feel of life among the European elite which he joins with Blackburn Rovers later this year, was, inevitably, drawn to a player of great strength, great competitive will power.

"That Desailly, he's some athlete," the marauding England centre forward enthused. The man who had impressed him above all others, Marcel Desailly, is a penalty-box-to-penalty-box strongman. His neck muscles must be on a par with Mike Tyson's, his running perhaps matches Shearer's. Besides all of that powerplay he has the awareness of a champion who has, with Marseilles and Milan, played in three consecutive European Cup finals.

A loser because the team, significantly without its playmaker, Dejan Savicevic, has run its course. Milan will, at best, figure only in the Uefa Cup next season. A phenomenal Italian era is over, but the sadness is assuaged by the rebirth of the Dutch.



Van Gaal, the Ajax coach, joins his players in celebrating their European Cup triumph

'Emotionally drained' Ince pulls out of England squad

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAUL INCE, the Manchester United midfield player who was cleared of assaulting a spectator on Wednesday, has pulled out of the Umbro Cup international football tournament because he is "emotionally drained". Ince has been told, though, that the decision will not affect his future England career.

Terry Venables, the England coach, agreed to the withdrawal yesterday after talking to Ince, who dismissed reports that his decision was in response to being left out for the match against Uruguay in March. "That's absolute rubbish," Ince, 27, said. "Terry and myself have an excellent working relationship and it's my wish to play for England for many years in the future. This latest development with England has nothing to do with that at all. At the moment I feel drained by what I've gone through."

Venables said: "It is not the right time for Ince to play for England. After his problems in recent days he will now spend the next few weeks with his family." Ince has been replaced in the squad by Jamie Redknapp, the Liverpool midfield player.

Reports that Paul Gascoigne, Ince's fellow England midfield player, had already joined Rangers from Lazio in a £4.5 million transfer have, meanwhile, proved premature. There continue to be other bidders for his signature, including, it appears, Leeds United, Chelsea and Aston Villa.

Gascoigne's adviser, Len Lazarus, insisted yesterday that no deal had been completed with Rangers. "Lazio have spoken to a number of other clubs," Lazarus said, "and I am not quite sure what they have agreed and with whom. The fact of the matter is that there are four clubs who have made offers, and it is up to Gascoigne to decide which one he wants to sign for."

The statement by Lazarus is at odds with the belief previously expressed by the Rangers chairman, David Murray, that only a few technicalities remained to be dealt with before Gascoigne came to Ibrox. Nonetheless, the Glasgow club is highly confident of completing the deal, and has promised to issue a statement next week.

For the moment, however, there still appears to be a slender opportunity for Leeds, Chelsea, Aston Villa — or, if rumour is to be believed, Everton — to sign Gascoigne. The Yorkshire club's interest is particularly strong.

Even so, further delays are inevitable if Gascoigne has not made his choice by Monday. He then joins up with the England squad, and Venables has said that his players will not then be permitted to conduct transfer negotiations for a fortnight.

Ferguson sentenced, page 3



Ince: denied reports

IN BRIEF

Boatman offers challenge to Hall

ALEX BOATMAN, from Royal Worlington, gained two victories yesterday to set up an intriguing quarter-final at the English women's amateur golf championship in Ipswich this morning. Boatman will meet Julie Hall, her fellow Suffolk county player and the defending champion.

Boatman, 23, who beat Gillian Nutter 4 and 3 and Anne Wheble 3 and 2, was helped by her mother, Liz, the former Curtis Cup captain, who is caddying for her.

Although she has been playing golf all her life, Boatman took up the game seriously only two years ago. A handicap of 21 was cut to 10 in just one summer and a 75 in the second qualifying round yesterday brought her down to four.

Bradbury shines

Badminton: Julie Bradbury, winner of the award as England's most successful player at the All England championships two months ago, has proved herself the country's outstanding player at the world championships this week as well, despite a defeat in the last 16 of the women's doubles in Lausanne yesterday.

Bradbury and Joanne Wright, who reached the semi-finals of the All England, went down 15-7, 12-15, 15-9 to the re-formed Danish combination of Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen and Marlene Thomsen.

Delayed start

Tennis: Rain delayed the start of play at the World Cup Doubles in the Craiglockhart stadium in Edinburgh but Larisa Neiland and Meredith McGrath, the No 1 seeds, needed only an hour to dispose of Maria Lindstrom and Maria Strandlund 6-2, 6-4 when they finally got on court.

Williams's win

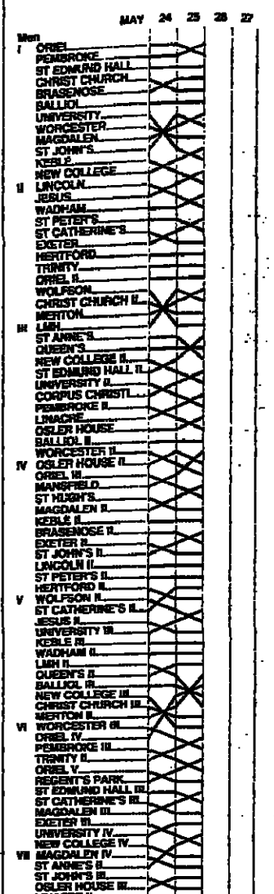
Cycling: Dave Williams, Liverpool's national city centre race champion, won the 98-mile sixth stage of the FBD Irish Milk Race from Clonakilty to Clonmel yesterday. His victory took him into second place overall in the 800-mile event that ends on Sunday.

New sponsor

Cricket: The Cricketer Cup, the knockout competition for public schools old boys, has a new sponsor in Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank. Started in 1967, the competition was previously sponsored by Moet & Chandon and Beachcroft Stanley.

Oxford Eights

PEMBROKE bumped their way to the head of the river, but a query surfaced over the eligibility of their stroke.



LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

Rule 2.19
In the High Court of Justice
Chancery Division
Companies Court
No 001200 of 1995
In the matter of Bishopscourt (BGH) Limited (formerly known as Baring Group Holdings Limited) (In Administration)
and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2
on the 16th day of June 1996 at 10.01 am hours
To consider our proposals under s.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.
A proxy form should be completed and returned to us by the date of the meeting if you cannot or do not wish to attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to us, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of your claim.
N J Hamilton, A R Bloom and M E Mills
Joint Administrators.

Rule 2.19
In the High Court of Justice
Chancery Division
Companies Court
No 001199 of 1995
In the matter of Bishopscourt(BS) Limited (formerly known as Baring Securities Limited) (In Administration) and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
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on the 16th day of June 1996 at 10.01am
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Joint Administrators

Rule 2.19
In the High Court of Justice
Chancery Division
Companies Court
No 001204 of 1995
In the matter of Bishopscourt (BB & CO) Limited (formerly known as Baring Brothers & Co. Limited) (In Administration)
and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
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on the 16th day of June 1995 at 10.00am hours
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CHARLES MacGREGORS's JUDICIAL FACTORY
The Subscribers are involved in the winding up of the Judicial Factory of the late Charles MacGregor, Cooper and Portioner, who resided at 'Rowallan', Cumbernauld and who died on 23rd January, 1909. Would any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of the undernoted persons, or any descendant or representative of them, please contact the subscribers at the undernoted address:
1. Mrs. Leonora Victoria Virginia Hastings Taylor, who sometime resided at Royal Parade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
2. William Abercrombie Kidston Glegg, who sometime resided at 125 Clarence Gate Gardens, London, NW1.
3. Mrs Jessie Houston Craig, who sometime resided at The Gartberry Hotel, Racecourse Road, Ayr.
4. George Carrick-Macfarlane, who sometime resided at 'Balshagray' Avenue, Partick, Glasgow.
5. Lewis Ross, sometime of 5 Fitzroy Place, Glasgow.
6. Boyd Millar & Company Limited, 926 Govan Road, Glasgow.
7. Mary Davidson, who sometime resided at 'Balshagray', Balshagray Avenue, Partick, Glasgow.
8. Miss Jane Davidson, who sometime resided at 'Balshagray', Balshagray Avenue, Partick, Glasgow.
9. Elizabeth Gillies, who sometime resided at Main Street, Cumbernauld.
10. Janet Gillies, who sometime resided at Main Street, Cumbernauld.
11. Margaret Gillies, who sometime resided at Main Street, Cumbernauld.
12. Esther Allsopp, who sometime resided at Main Street, Cumbernauld.
Messrs. McLean & Stewart, Solicitors,
51/53 High Street,
DUNBLANE,
Perthshire, FK15 0EG.
Telephone: 01786-823217
Reference:- GJM/KS/M

No. 002832 OF 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF: ACATOS & HUTCHESON PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF: THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 8th May 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £33,203,467.50 to £27,001,240.6935.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 7th day of June 1996.
ANY creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requesting the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 26 day of May 1996
Messrs Frere Cholmeley Bischoff of 4 John Carpenter Street, London EC4Y 0NH.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers.
H.A.HUMAN LIMITED Notice is hereby given that S.B.Ryman Clareville House 26/27 Oxendon St London SW1Y 4EP & N.H. O'Reilly Pannell House, 6 Temple Square, Aylesbury Bucks have been appointed Administrative Receivers of the above named Company on the 19/5/1996

No 002358 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF SCIMAT LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17th May 1995 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 18th May 1995.
DATED this 26th day of May 1995.
Theodore Goddard
150 Aldersgate Street
London EC1A 4EJ
Solicitors for the above named Company.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I, GERALDINE ELLEN SHAILER now residing at 16 Alfred House, Lanark Road, Maida Vale, London W.9, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Manageress, and being a person interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10, on the 13th day of June 1995, for the provisional grant to me of a Justices' licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 289/295 Neasden Lane, London N.W.10, and to be known by the sign of DICEY REILLY'S of which premises Derek Michael Levy Alexander and Ian Engel are the owners.
DATED this 18th day of May 1995
Haddars of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LUTON TELEVISION & VIDEO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16 June 1995 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts. at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FCPA, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. DATED this 23 day of May 1995. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD DIRECTOR BRIAN J. BARNETT.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
Charitable Funds.
Scheme for the Amalgamation of charities.
Reference:
MY-313604A/1-CD(Ldn1).
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be seen for the next month at Messrs. Hunters, 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QN or a copy be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Albans House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver (for newspaper or London Gazette)
INTELLIGENT OFFICE COMPANY LTD. Registered number: 1813292. Nature of business: COMPUTER SERVICES. Trade classification 036 Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s) 19 MAY 1995. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s) LLOYDS BANK plc. A TALBOT AND ALAN D LEWIS Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos: 8731 AND 8716. Address(es) PO Box 55 1 Surrey Street London WC2R 2NT

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn
Charitable Funds.
Scheme for the pooling of funds.
Reference:
MT-313604A/1-CD(Ldn1).
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be seen for the next month at Messrs. Hunters, 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QN or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St.Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

Company Number: 1773479
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IMC INSTALLATIONS LIMITED
Registered Office:
c/o Grant Thornton
Enterprise House
115 Edmund Street
Birmingham
B3 2HJ
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Grant Thornton, Enterprise House, 115 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2HJ on 6 June 1995 at 3.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Grant Thornton, Enterprise House, 115 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2HJ on 1 and 2 June 1995 between the hours of 10.00 and 4.00pm.
DATED THIS 16th DAY OF MAY 1995
A.L.SKOPPER
Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.182(A)
Recholece Limited
In Members' Voluntary Liquidation
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Mr Peter George Byatt, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs BDO Stoy Hayward, 66 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1SW, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company on 17 May 1995. The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182(A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Liquidator at the above address within 28 days. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182 (A)(6) that he intends to make a distribution to creditors who have submitted claims by the due date otherwise a distribution will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated: 22 May 1995 P G Byatt Liquidator Note: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Rule 2.19
In the High Court of Justice
Chancery Division
Companies Court
No 001201 of 1995
In the matter of Barings plc (In Administration)
and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2
on the 16th day of June 1995 at 10.00am hours
To consider our proposals under s.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee
A proxy form should be completed and returned to us by the date of the meeting if you cannot or do not wish to attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to vote at the meeting you must give to us, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of your claim.
N J Hamilton, A R Bloom and M E Mills
Joint Administrators

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
OTLEY OMNIBUS STATIONS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: The Bus Station, Otley, West Yorkshire
Company Number: 327910
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DATED THIS 16th May 1995
Thomas Anthony Dalton
Director

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.10 (6f) 1, Flying Squaw (R Hughes, 2-1). 2, Anotheranniversary (7-4 fav); 3, To The Whins (11-2). 6 ran. 1½l, 3½l. M Channon. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.53.

2.40 (1m 4f) 1, Son Of Sharp Shot (Pat Eddery, 13-8 fav); 2, Sharp Falcon (7-2), 3, Proton (5-2) 7 ran 1¼l, sh hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £3.30 CSF: £7.11.

3.10 (7f) 1, Silent Expression (Pat Eddery, 7-1), 2, Shepherd Market (9-1), 3, Helios (12-1). Coleman 11-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: 11kl, Mesihan. Tote: £5.30; £2.20, £3.50, £4.10. DF: £45.30. Trio £209.70 CSF £61.84. Tricast: £677.70

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, Baron Ferdinand (Pat Eddery, 10-11 fav), 2, Ionio (5-2), 3, Belle Argentine (100-30) 4 ran 2l, 6l R Charlton Tote: £1.90 DF: £1.80 CSF: £3.31.

4.10 (6f) 1, Fantasy Racing (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav); 2, Prolific Lady (8-1); 3, Assumpsit (16-1). 9 ran. 2l, 1¼l M Channon. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £2.00, £3.20. DF: £6.70. Tno: £45.80 CSF: £17.58

4.45 (1m 1f) 1, Ruby Zoman (D Harrison, 3-1 fav), 2, Dunfris Mischief (3-1 jt-fav), 3, Game Ploy (13-2). 8 ran 1¼l, sh hd. J Fanshawe. Tote: £4.00, £1.40, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £4.10 CSF: £12.04.

5.20 (5f) 1, Mazzarello (M Baird, 40-1); 2, Another Jade (5-1); 3, Hall Tone (100-30 fav). 13 ran. NR: Distant Dynasty, Pineapple Prince Hd, hd R Curtis. Tote: £80.10, £9.60, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £196.00. Tno: £293.20. CSF: £214.71. Tricast: £769.17.

Jackpot: £1,121.90.
Placepot: £23.30. Quadpot: £67.80.

Newcastle

Going: good

2.25 (6f) 1, Russian Rascal (M Birch, 10-1), 2, Abbott Of Whalley (2-1 fav); 3, Contradictory (16-1). 6 ran. NK, 1¼l M H Easterby. Tote: £11.00; £2.80, £1.50. DF: £16.70. CSF: £30.18.

2.55 (5f) 1, Gothenberg (D Holland, 4-1), 2, Blessingindisguise (9-1), 3, Duo Master (7-1). Hoh Majestic 6-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Mafita. 1¼l, 2l. M Johnston. Tote: £4.60; £1.80, £2.90, £2.80. DF: £20.40 Tno: £41.80. CSF: £36.71.

3.25 (2m 19yd) 1, Good Hand (N Connorton, 4-1); 2, Highflying (9-1), 3, Bedevil (11-2). Noyan 15-8 (av. 8 ran. NR: Ambuscade. ¾l, 2½l. J Watts Tote: £4.70, £1.50, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £5.80. Tno: £12.60. CSF: £16.50 Tricast: £61.50

3.55 (1m) 1, Nigel's Lad (J Fortune, 8-1), 2, Allaid (2-1 fav), 3, Spanish Steps (13-2) 8 ran. 3l, ¾l. P Haslam Tote: £9.10; £2.00, £2.20. DF: £5.70. CSF: £18.09.

4.25 (1m 2f 32yd) 1, Jandeel (S Whitworth, 10-11 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Anna Of Brunswick (7-2); 3, High Pyrenees (66-1) 10 ran. NR: Cashmirine. 1½l, 8l. A Stewart Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £9.10. DF: £2.10. Trio: £185.30 CSF: £4.36.

5.00 (5f) 1, Twice In Bundoran (D Wright, 14-1), 2, Miss Aragon (16-1); 3, Rich Glow (3-1 jt-fav). Bencoe 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran NR: Shadow Jury. 2½l, 1l. P Felgate. Tote: £20.20, £2.80, £4.20, £1.30. DF: £162.50. Tno: £298.90. CSF: £185.10. Tricast: £768.33.

Placepot: £209.80. Quadpot: £19.70.

Wednesday's late results

Salisbury

Going: good (good to firm in places)

6.15 (6f) 1, Like A Hawk (T Quinn, 8-4 fav); 2, Corniche Quest (14-1); 3, Honorable Estate (4-1). 11 ran. 3¼l, ½l. P Cole. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £2.90, £1.50. DF: £12.20. Trio: £11.50. CSF: £22.01.

6.45 (1m 4f) 1, Royal Rabbit (A Whelan, 25-1), 2, Ela Man Howa (15-2), 3, Lady Reema (33-1); 4, Star Fighter (33-1). Rocquaine Bay 5-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Mint A Million. Nk, ¾l. G L Moore. Tote: £48.10; £7.50, £2.10, £5.10, £5.50. DF: £346.10. Tno: not won. CSF: £176.34. Tricast: £5,460.82

7.15 (6l 212yd) 1, Spencer's Revenge (Mr J Durkan, 8-1); 2, Shaynee Dornate (10-1); 3, Caddy's First (10-1). Ahjay 9-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Pal Pondostras. ¾l, 6l Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £9.10, £3.10, £4.20, £3.20. DF: £66.00. Tno: £238.80. CSF: £80.12. Tricast: £746.48.

7.45 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Tykeyvor (G Duffield, 7-2; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Superluminal (8-15 fav), 3, Ginger Jim (33-1) 6 ran 6l, 1¾l. Lady Herries. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.67.

8.15 (5f) 1, Fairy Wind (L Dettori, 100-30 fav); 2, Perfect Brave (9-2), 3, Patsy Grimes (16-1). 13 ran. 2¼l, sh hd. W Jarvis. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £9.90. Tno: £23.00. CSF: £17.26 Tricast: £77.70.

8.45 (6f 212yd) 1, Storm Bid (J Tate, 13-8 fav); 2, Godmersham Park (5-1), 3, Early Peace (20-1) 13 ran. 5l, hd. E Dunlop. Tote: £2.50, £1.10, £1.80, £4.80. DF: £6.40. Trio: £31.00. CSF: £10.10
Placepot: £73.80. Quadpot: £18.10.

Newcastle

Going: good (good to firm in places)

6.30 (5f) 1, Royal Goldch (J Fortune, 16-1); 2, Larghetto (5-4 fav); 3, Welsh Mountain (3-1) 5 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. Denys Smith. Tote: £16.80; £4.50, £1.30. DF: £15.30. CSF: £37.34

7.00 (5f) 1, So Intrepid (S Drowne, 6-1); 2, Flashy's Son (4-1); 3, Annie Fay (10-1). Gorinsky 4-5 fav. 11 ran. NR: Barbezieux. 1¼l, 3½l. J Bradley. Tote: £7.80; £2.20, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £11.10. Tno: £31.80. CSF: £31.25.

7.30 (6f) 1, Rasas (R Hills, 11-4 fav), 2, Rymer's Rascal (5-1); 3, Tedburrow (20-1). 12 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £3.00, £6.50. DF: £14.50 Tno: £174.20. CSF: £18.76. Tricast: £227.16

8.00 (1m) 1, Somerton Boy (M Birch, 20-1), 2, Coureur (14-1); 3, Equorry (8-1); 4, Tolis Choice (12-1). Karmo Sebo 7-2 fav. 16 ran. Nk, 1l. P Calver. Tote: £74.50; £9.20, £2.70, £2.30, £8.30. DF: £197.50. Tno: £416.20 CSF: £269.83. Tricast: £2,207.88.

8.30 (1m 1f 9yd) 1, Colorful Ambition (N Connorton, 8-1); 2, Vola Promiere (3-1 jt-fav), 3, Indefence (6-1) Gospel Song 3-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. Mrs A Swinbank. Tote: £14.30; £2.10, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £91.00. Tno: £62.50. CSF: £35.13.

9.00 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, Sunday News'n'echo (J Fanning, 10-1); 2, Stoprovertake (7-2); 3, Wonderful Day (5-2 fav) 9 ran NR: Sobe Up, Elladyo, W Storey Hd, 4l. Tote: £24.10; £4.00, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £25.40 CSF: £45.56. Tricast: £108.71

Placepot: £502.10. Quadpot: £67.50.

THE TIMES – adidas WORLD CUP PRIZE DRAW

WIN A TRIP TO SEE THE WORLD CUP



It's going to be the biggest month in rugby's history and with World Cup fever starting to grip the nation *The Times*, in association with adidas, is offering you the chance to watch your favourite stars kick their way into the final in Johannesburg on June 24 by entering our special prize draw.

Two of our readers will win a trip for themselves and a companion, leaving June 8, to see the quarter, semi and final stages of the competition. This magnificent 18-day trip not only offers you some of the best seats at six matches in the final stages of the competition, but also gives you the chance to see the wildlife and beauty of South Africa with thrilling excursions that will take in lakes and mountains plus the Addo Elephant Park or Shamwari Game Reserve.

The association with adidas is a fitting one as Rob Andrew, who will be writing for *The Times* during the finals, is just one of the stars, including David Campese, Neil Jenkins and Thierry Lacroix, who are testing the revolutionary adidas Predator Rapier boot, which has been designed to give players more grip, distance, accuracy and comfort when striking the ball. adidas is also giving away 25 runners-up prizes of an adidas three-stripe sweatshirt as worn by Rob Andrew.

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Scots stick to basics for opening encounter

FOR Scotland, the relief that the phoney war is over is immense. Nine days after arriving in South Africa their preparations are complete, the weather is superb and with the injury-free squad in fine fettle, the ingredients for a successful campaign are in place. There is a keen sense of anticipation in the air.

It has been difficult for the Scots to know exactly the best way to prepare for a game in which, in many ways, they are *on a hiding to nothing, against opponents they know little about.* They are expected to win easing up — and will do so — but nothing is being taken for granted. This is not the time for elaborate play, even against opponents as hapless as the Côte d'Ivoire.

If they score a hatful of points, all well and good. But the first task will be to establish control, draw tight the sting of their excitable opponents and then, if and when necessary, cut loose. The margin of victory will not matter, the quality of the performance will. Rob Wainwright, at No 8 this afternoon, said that Scotland would be playing basic, percentage rugby.

"That should be good enough to score tries. We don't want to use all our secret moves in the first game. We must concentrate on our own game and not worry about the opposition getting in our way."

And if the west Africans should resort to strong-arm tactics? "We are all big boys here and can look after ourselves. If it does happen, we will just have to run round even faster — and run the aggression out of them."

As for Gavin Hastings, on the eve of his third World Cup tournament, there is no doubt he is relishing the big stage. At the age of 33 he looks in superb shape, lean and tanned, and, as he said, he is "straining at the leash".

"For me the buzz is better this time than at either of the two previous World Cups. It has always been one of my ambitions to play rugby in South Africa and we are just about there. The whole place is gripped by World Cup fever, and I am delighted I am out here as part of the Scottish team."

On the immediate challenge, Hastings insists Scotland will win, provided the team concentrates. There will be no repeat of the humdrum performance against Madrid earlier this month and no room for complacency. On Scotland's long-term prospect, he is upbeat. "If we produce the form of the five nations' and up that by five to ten per cent, we will do very well. But we have to get into a match, and once that is out of the way, we'll be able to assess things."

There have been rumours that Hastings is not entirely happy with the team he leads in his 57th international and his tenth in World Cup competition. He would like to have seen some of the lesser lights being given the opportunity to shine, however briefly. Privately Hastings has let it be known that his input in selection has been minimal.

To give players such as Cameron Glasgow their first, and probably only, cap would have raised morale still further. Team spirit has been one of the main reasons behind the success of the past few months and Hastings is anxious that this should not be jeopardised. The hard-headed pragmatism of Duncan Paterson, the manager, has won the day, however.

Like a thoroughbred emerging after a harsh winter, he is enjoying the sun on his back, with temperatures in Transvaal in the mid-seventies and conditions conducive to attacking rugby. Scotland intend to play their part to the bitter end — just as their captain observed.

TEAMS

SCOTLAND: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain), C Joiner (Melrose), A Stanger (Hawick), G Shiel (Melrose), K Logan (Stirling County); C Chalmers (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose), P Burnell (London Scottish), K McKenzie (Stirling County), P Wright (Boroughmuir), I Smith (Gloucester), S Campbell (Dundee HSFP), D Weir (Melrose), P Walton (Northampton), R Wainwright (West Hartlepool).

IVORY COAST: V Kouassi (Burotic); P Bouazo (Burotic), J-B Sathiq (CASG), L Niakou (Nion), C N'Gbala (Cahors), A Dali, (Ciaman, captain), F Dupont (Nimes); A Bley (ASPAA), E Angoran (Fodez), T Djehi (Mileu), P Pare (ASEB Pare), A Kone (Burotic), G Bado (Cognac), I Lassisi (Burotic), D Sanoko (Biarritz).

Thomas on fast track to green shirt

Gerald Davies on the rise and rise of a young man making his Wales debut in unfamiliar kit



Thomas makes his debut on the left wing for Wales against Japan tomorrow

For rugby in Wales to stir into vital life and for it once more to swagger to a confident rhythm, a new generation of players needs to emerge. One not so much tarnished by the failures of the recent past but with a clearer need and ambition to restore a national reputation as well as a singular personal, even selfish, desire to perform great deeds.

Earlier this season such a desire was luminously revealed in the words and demeanour of Spencer John, 21, when he won his first cap as a prop for Wales against Scotland. On Tuesday of this week the same yearning and sense of accomplishment manifested themselves in every tic and twitch of Gareth Thomas, who has been selected to play on the left wing for Wales against Japan tomorrow. Thomas will be 21 in July.

Unlike John, who had been on the fringes of senior club rugby for the previous three years, Thomas's entry into the international arena has been swift and sudden. He only began playing for Bridgend last September.

"Everything has come this year," he says. "All I was hoping for was to play a few games for the club. By the end of the season I found I'd played in every game other than the quarter-final of the cup. Then, all of a sudden, here I am now playing for my country."

Yet, early in the season, his name was already on the lips of those who pride themselves on the early recognition of a promising young player. "I was aware of what some people were saying," Thomas explains. "But you don't really want to believe it.

"You can so easily be let down. But I didn't really expect all this. To begin with, I was happy just to be a member of the squad. Then, as soon as I started training, I put the extra effort in and I really, really want to play now."

If this desperate urge is within him now it has not always been so. He was well into his teenage years before starting to play rugby. And, even then, he only did so because his friends were involved.

From Ogmore comprehensive school, he joined the rugby club in Pencoed, a small village on the outskirts of Bridgend. He played for Wales Youth in 1993, when he was noticed by Gerald Williams, the Bridgend coach, who suggested that he join his club.

This move not only changed his aspirations, it changed his shape, too. Now, at 6ft 3in and 15 stone, Thomas is a player of substantial bulk.

"When I arrived at the club I was told I was like a beanpole," he explains. "My ribs showed and there was nothing much of me. I couldn't survive at this level if I didn't have the appropriate strength. I was told.

"Since then Robert Howley, the [Bridgend] scrum half, showed me a programme of weight training and, with him, I followed the course four times a week. Since the start of the season I've put on a stone and a half in weight."

So time-consuming was all this, and is likely to be in the future, that Thomas gave up his job as a postman and is now a rugby development officer for Bridgend.

There are those who assume that he is merely the kind of player who charges into opponents. But he is deceptive and agile on his feet, able to sidestep off either foot. He prefers the open spaces. In his brief career, he has played on both wings and in the centre.

Chosen on the left wing tomorrow, he prefers to see himself as a midfield player for the practical reason that, as such, he is likely to have the ball in his hands more often. As he says, he likes to be in the thick of things, not hanging about on the fringes.

His enthusiasm is evident. So, also, is his mature confidence. "I can't wait," he says, "I just want to put on that jersey now."

Tomorrow, however, that jersey will be green. Thomas will have to wait to wear the famous red of Wales. For the third time in the three World Cup tournaments, Wales will play in their second strip. Not that that should deter a player who surely will have other opportunities in the more familiar colours, either on the wing or in the centre.

Omission puts accent on team's status

Pretoria

The Elephants are unhappy. Not the animals, the men. Having only ten supporters in South Africa for the World Cup is bad enough. To make it worse, the men from the weakest team in pool D have the name of their country printed wrongly as often as not.

The programme correctly lists the West African country, whose team is nicknamed the Elephants, as Côte d'Ivoire, though forgetting the circumflex. But most newspapers refer to it as the Ivory Coast, which is now nine years out of date. In 1986, the Ivory Coast changed its name by a vote of Parliament, and with United Nations approval, to Côte d'Ivoire.

So Côte d'Ivoire it shall be from now on. *Bien sûr.*

View ruffles writer's feathers

Accommodation for the several hundred visiting journalists who are staying in this seat of Afrikaner learning ranges from hotels to motels to apartments. *The Times*, we are pleased to report, has a comfortable room at the front of its hotel, while the quarters of *The Daily Telegraph* are at the back overlooking the swimming pool, and TF1, the French television channel, has commandeered the entire sixth floor and turned it into a broadcasting studio, complete with satellite dish.

The man from *The Independent*, however, who almost literally would hardly harm a fly, was far from gruntled when, on checking into his motel, he discovered that the view from his window included a dead pigeon. His heart went out not only to the dead bird but also to what he believed to be the bird's marital companion or relative, if such things are possible in the ornithological world. "From time to time, all the other pigeons go away except for one which comes and stands by its dead friend, looking miserable," he said glumly at lunchtime on Wednesday.

By dinner, there was good news. *The Independent* tucked into a vegetarian meal and said: "They have promised to remove the dead pigeon. I know they've said that before but I think something will happen this time." And he did not mean he expected to be eating pigeon pie.



Irvine leads tartan takeover

Andy Irvine, the former Scotland and British Isles full back, was just one former international who arrived here in time for Scotland's opening match. Gordon Brown, the former second-row forward who will be doing television commentary work for ITV, was another, and John Rutherford, the former stand-off half, a third. Little wonder that the sign inside the front door of the Scotland team hotel in the middle of Pretoria said: "Welcome to Scotland."

Within hours of his arrival, Irvine was to be seen around the hotel wearing dashing shorts and looking remarkably trim for a man recently arrived from Auld Reekie.

Mixing business with pleasure

There was a reason. Irvine, who is here to do some radio work for Radio Five, had flown out club class. "I've been five times round the world and I've always travelled economy before," he explained.

Rutherford's purpose was officially a business trip, carefully contrived to coincide with the three pool D games. He also wanted to be present to see Craig Chalmers sneak past his record as Scotland's most-capped stand-off half in the game against the Côte d'Ivoire in Rustenburg this afternoon.

"In my day, I played about two internationals a year more than my predecessor," Rutherford, who has 42 caps for his country, said. "Now there are so many more games, especially in the year of the World Cup." Scotland will have played at least 12 internationals by the end of 1995.

JOHN HOPKINS

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

All times BST

TODAY

Pool A

Canada v Romania ..... (Port Elizabeth, 7.0pm)

TV: ITV highlights 10.40pm. Eurosport highlights 10.30pm, 7.30am.

Pool D

Scotland v Ivory Coast ..... (Rustenburg, 3.0pm)

TV: ITV live, highlights 10.40pm. Eurosport live, highlights 10.30pm, 7.30am.

Radio: Radio Five live.

France v Tonga ..... (Pretoria, 5.0pm)

TV: ITV highlights 10.40pm. Eurosport live, highlights 10.30pm, 7.30am

YESTERDAY

Pool A

South Africa 27 Australia 18

South Africa: Tries: Hendriks, Stransky. Con: Stransky. Pens: Stransky 4. Dropped goal: Stransky Australia: Tries: Kearns, Lynagh. Con: Lynagh. Pens: Lynagh 2.

(at Cape Town)

PROGRAMME

Pool A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Africa	1	1	0	0	27	18	3
Australia	1	0	0	1	18	27	1
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESULTS: South Africa 27 Australia 18 (at Cape Town).

REMAINING MATCHES: May 30: South Africa v Romania (Cape Town, 1.30pm). May 31: Australia v Canada (Port Elizabeth, 12.0pm). June 3: Australia v Romania (Stellenbosch, 2.0pm): South Africa v Canada (Port Elizabeth, 7.0pm).

Pool B

MATCHES: Tomorrow: Western Samoa v Italy (East London, 12.0pm); England v Argentina (Durban, 4.0pm). May 30: Western Samoa v Argentina (East London, 11.30am) May 31: England v Italy (Durban, 4.0pm) .June 4: Argentina v Italy (East London, 12.0pm), England v Western Samoa (Durban, 7.0pm).

Pool C

MATCHES: Tomorrow: Wales v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm); New Zealand v Ireland (Johannesburg, 7.0pm). May 31: Ireland v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm). New Zealand v Wales (Johannesburg, 7.0pm). June 4: New Zealand v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm); Ireland v Wales (Johannesburg, 4.0pm).

Pool D

MATCHES: Today: Scotland v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, 3.0pm); France v Tonga (Pretoria, 5.0pm). May 30: France v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, 5.0pm), Scotland v Tonga (Pretoria, 7.0pm). June 3: Tonga v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, 12.0pm); Scotland v France (Pretoria, 4pm).

Top two in each pool qualify for quarter-finals Two points for a win, one for a draw in pool matches. If teams finish level on points the result against the other side will determine the higher placing; if that was drawn the number of tries scored in pool matches will determine.

Quarter-finals

June 10: pool D winner v pool C runner-up, Durban (12.00); pool A winner v pool B runner-up, Johannesburg (2.30pm).

June 11: pool B winner v pool A runner-up, Cape Town (12.00); pool C winner v pool D runner-up, Pretoria (2.30pm)

Semi-finals

June 17: Durban winner v Johannesburg winner, Durban (2pm).

June 18: Cape Town winner v Pretoria winner, Cape Town (2pm).

Third-place play-off

June 22: Pretoria (4pm).

Final

June 24: Johannesburg (2pm).

France fancied to show true colours

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN PRETORIA

FRANCE v Tonga is the baldies versus the little-knowns. From the moment that 11 of the French backs shaved their heads soon after arriving here, they seemed to indicate they had a sense of purpose, unity and commitment that was not present in the five nations' championship. As for the Tongans, they have taken psychology to the limit, training in secret in Pretoria and keeping the make-up of their team to themselves until the last minute.

If the Tongans feel aggrieved with life, then that would be no surprise. If they could put out a team comprising the best of those who play for the Polynesian islands but also including the best of those who have gone to other countries, it would be a team capable of reaching the semi-finals. A further draining of their limited resources is to rugby league.

As it is, their inexperienced team will struggle for size, ball-winning capabilities and scrummaging power against France at the famous Loftus Versfeld stadium in Pretoria this evening. Tonga have no one of the size of Olivier Merle and Olivier Brouzet, the France locks, and few with the athleticism of Abdelatif Benazzi. What they have is the exuberance of Polynesians and raw strength. As important for France as winning will be doing so without incurring too many injuries.

After comfortable wins over Japan in February, Tonga's standing in world rugby was put cruelly into perspective in March when Canterbury thrashed them 75-5 in the Super 10 series.

Yet the brooding, mercurial French are as well suited to give Tonga a hiding as any team. Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, has chosen his best available team. For all that France are expected to turn on a display of dazzling running and passing at some stage in this competition, Berbizier is hard-nosed enough to realise the importance of a massive and strong pack and a rock-solid scrum. "You might not win a game with a strong scrum but you can certainly lose it with a weak one," he said. "The Tongans are a very good defensive side and they are also very physical."

A debate in France concerns the merits of the gifted but erratic stand-off half, Christophe Deylaud, compared with the youthful promise of Yann Delaigue. The French had no difficulty in choosing the stand-off for this match. With Deylaud still not having recovered from the operation on his thumb, Delaigue was the only candidate.

He will not be the kicker, however, and nor will Emile N'Tamack, who made some of the most inept kicks ever seen in international rugby against Ireland in March. Instead, Berbizier has selected as kicker, Thierry Lacroix, 28, the centre.

"The strength of the French team is to surprise," Lacroix said. "Our flair is in the genes. The question is whether we get the 10 or 15 seconds when the flair can be expressed."

TEAMS

FRANCE: J L Sadourny (Colomiers); E N'Tamack (Toulouse), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Saint-André (Montferrand, captain); Y Delaigue (Toulon), A Hueber (Toulon), L Armary (Lourdes), J-M Gonzalez (Beyonne), P Giellart (Beziers), A Benazzi (Agen), O Merle (Montferrand), O Brouzet (Grenoble), P Benetton (Agen); M Cecillon (Bourgoin).

TONGA: S Tu'ipulotu (Manly and NSW); A Tauta (Wellington Harlequins), U Va'enuku (Police RFC), P Latu (Vaheloto), T Va'enuku (Police RFC), E Vunipola (Toa-Ko-Ma'afu), M Vunipola (Toa-Ko-Ma'afu); S Fe'ao (Queensland), F Masila (Kolomotu'a), T Fukofuka (Grammer OB), W Lose (North Harbour), F Mafi (Queanbeyan and ACT), F Mahoni (F/Ma'ufanga), I Fenukitau (Queanbeyan and ACT), M Otai (Ka-Toa).

Bevan's handling adds to spectacle



John Hopkins on the performance of the man charged with setting an example for other officials to follow

FOR a few precious minutes yesterday afternoon, Derek Bevan held the world of union, as the song has it, in his hands. Every time Bevan blew his whistle during the opening game of the World Cup, he was setting down a template for the other 26 referees in the competition. Why did he do it? What was it for? Was it the right decision? Did the players understand his thinking? And did they agree with him?

There was particular interest in the way Bevan refereed the lineout and the rucks and mauls. Would he be overzealous in his interpretation of the new lineout laws? How long would he allow pile-ups to last before blowing his whistle?

In the northern hemisphere, players have become used to taking one pace out of a lineout and then jumping back in and across to catch the ball. This is not allowed in this competition. At the first lineout, both sets of forwards positioned themselves the statutory distance apart and jumped.

Furthermore, there was no sign of lifting, which has also been outlawed for this competition. The result was clean-won ball. It may have helped that James Dalton, the South Africa hooker, threw in so ineptly that his team hardly won a lineout for the first 35 minutes. It was a pleasure to see the illegitimate son of rugby, which is what the lineout is known as, working so well.

Bevan was quick to penalise the side that took the ball into a maul if they did not use it — the old use it or lose it law. He even penalised South Africa for a crooked put-in at a scrum, an offence that many referees ignore these days. And at least twice, he penalised players for tackling rivals in the air.

Perhaps he allowed too much handling of the ball when it was on the ground but his use of the advantage law seemed judicious. Even when every South African thought he should have used it — when the scrum half, Joost van der Westhuizen, broke through and appeared to have scored under the posts in the first half — Bevan was seen on television to have detected a knock-on by a South African hand half a second before.

Offside by the defending side is one of the creeping blights of the modern game and this eyesore was less evident than usual. So was the pernicious habit of jersey tugging and barging. That these areas were refereed so well may explain why such a tense game was so cleanly fought. There was not a hint of a punch being thrown or of a man being raked or stamped on.

In 1991 the tone of the World Cup improved after England's dreary opening game against New Zealand at Twickenham, refereed by Jim Fleming. Bevan has set the tone for this World Cup by his handling of this game and in doing so, has made himself favourite to referee the final on June 24. Organisers, spectators and players could hardly have wished for a better game of rugby with which to start the competition. It was the first of 32, yet it was good enough to have been the last.

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Stewart's return lifts Canada

CANADA and Romania, the two minnows in the World Cup's "group of death", go into their opening pool A match in Port Elizabeth today knowing that the loser faces almost certain elimination.

For Canada, surprise quarter-finalists at the last World Cup in 1991, the game is the first of at least two in which they must secure victory to have any hopes of a repeat performance this time. "We have to win this one if we are to stand any chance of doing well in this tournament," Gareth Rees, their captain, said.

Teodor Radulescu, the Romania manager, places even greater importance on the game. "This is not a mini-final for us," he said. "This *is* our World Cup final." The bantling Romanians, who have lost their last six internationals, do not consider that they have any chance in their other group fixtures against South Africa and Australia next week. "We are primarily here to entertain with our style of play and to be competitive. For us it is not the group of death, but the pool of honour," Radulescu added.

He recently admitted that Romanian rugby had been in steady decline since losing its state-aid on the fall of Nicolai Ceaucescu's Communist dictatorship in 1989. "The situation is now desperate," he had said. "Players can't afford rugby boots or balls. There are no facilities or decent pitches — we are going backwards in international rugby."

His Canadian counterpart, Ian Birtwell, regards the encounter as a stepping-stone, nonetheless. "Our objective is to realise our potential in each match we play but also to remain in the top eight of world rugby," he said.

To do that, Canada would have to win against Romania and then pull off an unexpected victory against either the world champions, Australia, or the host nation, South African. Canada go into the match with a full-strength team, boosted by the recovery from injury of the centre, Christian Stewart. Romania, however, have been forced to leave out their captain, Tiberiu Brinza, who is suffering from a shoulder strain.

CANADA: S Stewart, W Stanley, C Stewart, S Gray, D Loughead; G Rees, J Graf; C McKenzie, I Gordon, A Charron, M James, G Enns, R Snow, M Cardinal, E Evans.
ROMANIA: G Solomia, I Lucian Colceriu, N Racoanu, R Gontineac, I Robaru; N Nichitean, D Neaga, O Slusanuc, A Gealapu, T Oroian, C Colceanu, S Corocu, G Vlad, I Negreci, G Leonte.
Referee: C Hawke (New Zealand)

Tickets remain unsold for England matches

THOUSANDS of tickets are still unsold for England's group matches, just 24 hours before their opening game against Argentina tomorrow. When King's Park rugby stadium in Durban opened for business yesterday, 10,000 of the 52,000 seats remained to be filled (Inigo Gilmore writes).

By mid-afternoon, only a few hundred tickets had been snapped up. The game against Italy next week has fared better, however, and officials are confident they will sell the remaining 2,000 tickets.

England's last match against Western Samoa does not look so promising with 15,000 seats available. Unexpectedly, there are 12,000 quarter-final and 7,000 semi-final tickets still on offer. "It could be the tickets are not selling well because some of the package prices were just too high," Derry Martin, ticket controller at King's Park, said. "All the talk about security problems may have put people off, too."

There has been a rash of telephone inquiries from the United Kingdom over the past few days, it was revealed, and some England supporters were arriving independently to watch the matches. There would not, however, be any free handouts of unsold tickets on match days, a spokeswoman insisted. "We cannot just give them out, even if they were to go to township residents," she said. "We must return all unsold tickets."

Complacency cuts margin of Texaco Trophy victory by West Indies

Atherton blames indifferent batting

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE: West Indies beat England by five wickets

A TRAWL of the record books in search of England's heaviest one-day defeats turned out to be premature but the narrowing of the margin was merely illusory. West Indies won this opening Texaco Trophy match without breaking sweat, a chastening start for the new brooms charged with brushing up the performances of the national team.

It would be fatuous to overstate the importance of this result; England are perfectly capable of winning today's rematch at the Oval equally comfortably. But as well as being a familiar reprise of West Indian virtues, it provided an unwelcome reminder of England's most serious failing — the inability to play consistently to their potential.

There was a time, in an emptily echoing, soulless Trent Bridge yesterday morning, when West Indies appeared to be cantering to victory with ten overs and nine wickets in hand. Had they done so, it would have been the widest margin of wickets by which they had beaten England for 15 years. Instead, complacency invaded the dressing-room, the fall of Brian Lara was followed by three further wickets and there were only 14 balls remaining when Junior Murray flipped the winning four to square leg.

Nobody was fooled. Certainly not Richie Richardson, the winning captain, who said: "We had the match in our hands and we were a little too relaxed." And certainly not Michael Atherton, his England counterpart. "I have seen one-day games turned round from similar situations but we've got to be honest," he confessed. "It was all a bit too late."

The game was over fully an hour before Atherton emerged, showered and suited, to face the press but there was nothing sinister to be read into this. There had been no locked dressing-room doors, no reading of the riot act. In short, no over-reaction. Atherton, who has suffered for speaking impulsively, is intent, this year, on taking time to compose his post-match thoughts.

He had chatted informally with some of his players, as is a captain's duty in defeat, but he quite properly refuses to be flustered by one shoddy display in a limited-overs game. An unchanged side remains probable today, although there is a case for Alan Wells replacing one of the left-handers, Fairbrother or Thorpe.

"We weren't quite so silly as to write the West Indies off," said Atherton, openly scornful of all who had. "We lost here because we were 20 or 30 runs light. With the batting side we had out, we ought to have been able to get 230, even in these conditions. But you don't make panic changes after one defeat. We need to raise our game tomorrow and, if we do that, we can beat them."

A broad grin crossed his face when he was asked what he would have done if he had won the toss. "That's hypothetical," he parried. Almost certainly, he would have batted first, and done so with the force of logic, but Richardson's decision to bowl was inspired.

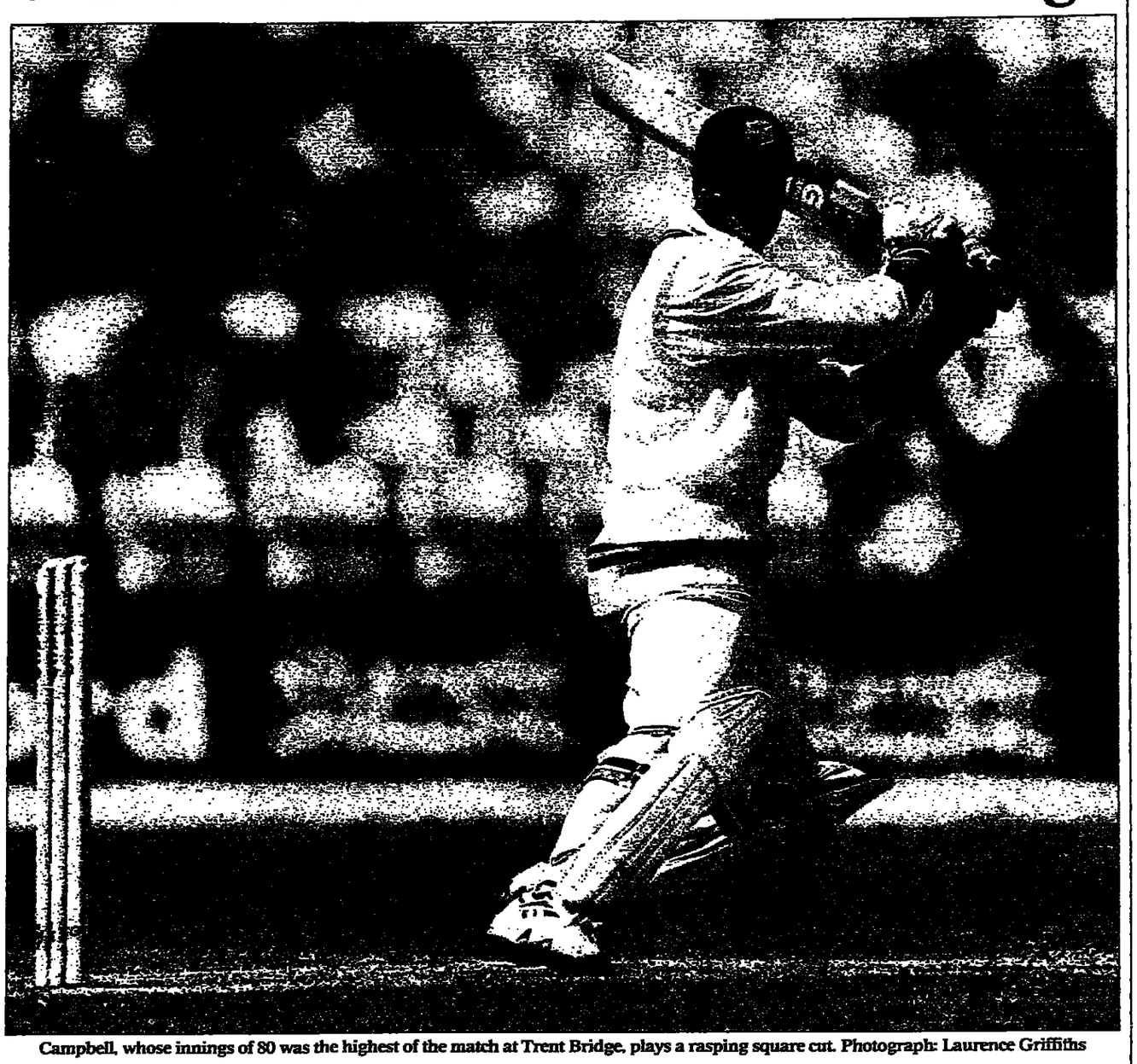
"It became hazy and humid soon after the start," Atherton explained. "The ball swung and seamed for a few hours but, later in the day, it was cooler and fresher and not much happened. We certainly had the worst of the conditions in that sense."

Mitigation, then, but no real excuse. England's batting was tentative and fretful, the very antithesis of what they know to be necessary against the West Indian bowlers. On the quicker, bouncier surface at the Oval, which has suited them well in recent years, they can and must acquit themselves far better. "Partnerships win one-day games," mused Atherton, "and we didn't have any."

Much the biggest stand of this flat and forgettable game was the 114 added by Lara and Sherwin Campbell for the West Indies' second wicket. It was threatened only once, with the score 169, when Campbell chipped Dominic Cork to mid-wicket and the ball bounced off Graeme Hick's chest. At the time, this seemed a great irrelevance. After what followed, one cannot be quite so sure.

Lara, who had taken hungrily to the off spin of Shaun Udal, banishing him from the attack with 17 runs in one over, failed to spot the leg break that is a proud and audacious part of Darren Gough's repertoire. The drive steepled towards long-on and Atherton, running back from mid-on, smirked with satisfaction as he held a difficult catch over his shoulder.

Gough's delight at this was obvious and he let out an exultant squawk when, in his next over, he induced a casual drive to cover by one of his own mentors, Richardson. The fact that he had batted in his old, floppy sun-hat rather than the helmet to which he has come late in life was, perhaps, an indication of Richardson's lofty view of the match situation and, although there was a flurry of interest when Jimmy Adams and Campbell were out, the latter for a fluent 80, it was over before lunch.



Campbell, whose innings of 80 was the highest of the match at Trent Bridge, plays a rasping square cut. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths

SCOREBOARD

West Indies won toss
ENGLAND 199-9 (A J Stewart 74)

WEST INDIES

C L Hooper b Cork 34
(62min, 57 balls, 6 fours)
S L Campbell run out (Udal/Stewart) 80
(194min, 137 balls, 8 fours)
B C Lara c Atherton b Gough 70
(103min, 85 balls, 1 six, 7 fours)
*R B Richardson c DeFreitas b Gough 1
(8min, 7 balls)
J C Adams lbw b Cork 2
(14min, 12 balls)
K L T Arthurton not out 1
(11min, 3 balls)
†J R Murray not out 7
(6min, 5 balls, 1 four)
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 1) 6
Total (5 wkts, 52.4 overs, 201 min) 201

W K M Benjamin, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose and C A Walsh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-66 (Campbell 31), 2-180 (Campbell 71), 3-183 (Campbell 73), 4-191 (Campbell 78), 5-194 (Arthurton 1).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10.4-1-44-0 (7-1-27-0, 3-0-11-0, 0.4-0-6-0); Fraser 10-2-29-0 (4-2-14-0, 4-0-11-0, 2-0-4-0); Gough 11-1-30-2 (nb 1, w 1; 9-1-27-0, 2-0-3-2); Cork 11-0-48-2 (w 1; 5-0-25-1, 6-0-23-1); Udal 8-0-37-0 (w 1; one spell); Hick 2-0-12-0 (w 1; one spell).

West Indies won by five wickets.
Match award: C A Walsh (Adjudicator: D R Pringle).
Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd.
TV replay umpire: P Willey.
Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).
REMAINING MATCHES: Today: The Oval. May 28: Lord's
☐ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*

Lost lunch gives spectators taste of testing times



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Last Sunday I was at Newbury, where the racecourse authority went to such extravagant lengths to wow all-comers that the diversions obscured the purpose of the occasion: with bungee jumpers, fire-eaters, circus clowns and actors dressed as cats vying for attention, one kept forgetting about the thoroughbreds galloping down the track.

Nothing like that at Trent Bridge, where there was cricket and very little except cricket — apart from the weather. The Test and County Cricket Board bans musical instruments, so there were no bongo drums or bugles; as there were virtually no West Indian supporters at Nottingham, we had no calypso singers, belly dancers or snake-charmers either. Also no curried goat, which perfumes the air of the islands: just cricket and cricketing people talking cricket, sipping pints of Worthington beer and an ale from Ireland which looked like milkshake until five minutes after delivery.

If you went to be surprised at the first one-day international, you went to the wrong place. Please understand. I have nothing but affection for Nottingham — my wife's people came from quite near there: Watford — but I would have welcomed a diversion; a streaker, a bit of egregious ball-tampering or umpire-abusing would have done. Even an England victory or a score which Ladbrokes had not made the most likely in their pre-match book.

I talked to Godfrey Evans, who bought me a glass of wine. We discussed cricket and his forthcoming holiday arranged by Fred Rumsey, who was also a cricketer. Evans is going to South Africa to watch cricket.

Trent Bridge is an appealing ground, for wherever one sits, the action is not far away. With the exception of a high-rise block of flats bearing the message "Nottinghamshire a great county" which deserves a Grade II listing for ugliness, the surrounding buildings reflect the first-class location and the pavilion is vintage.

Also the ground was full; all 13,000 tickets were sold though none, it seemed, to West Indians. On the train from St Pancras, every customer (what we used to call passenger) was white.

Why would this be, I asked a Ph.D. (cricket). He thought it was to do with the cost of admission — £35 is substantial — and partly with the fact that there are no Windies stars like Lloyd and Richards and Sobers, though if Lara returns to form that will change. Mostly, he opined, West Indians now feel that they are part of England. This did not explain why substantially less than one per cent of the crowd was black.

Sadly, when you get a capacity crowd willing on a side to win, even when (because this is cricket) they properly appreciate and applaud the skills of the other, you miss out on the full enjoyment of a contest. It takes two to aggro. It will all be different at the Oval today.

For me, the event of the day took place on the stairway to the Upper Parr stand and, as my fellow scribblers were busy monitoring the action on the field of play, I am able to report this exclusively:

At around 11.45am an elderly man in a loden coat accompanied by three similarly aged persons stumbled on his ascent and dropped a voluminous blue picnic box.

This crashed onto the landing below, broke open to manifest a rare cornucopia of finger sandwiches, coconut tarts, sausage rolls, individual trifles, asparagus wrapped in thinly-sliced brown bread and slivers of Swiss cheese, all awash in the sparkling discharge of broken champagne bottles; these may have been rosé, what the Americans call "blush" — though the proximity of beetroot salad is an alternative explanation.

And, because the people who populate cricket grounds are citizens of sterling quality, spectators and gatemen, security folk and lads employed to retrieve balls hit over the boundary line all gathered around the scene of the accident, expressing sympathy, identifying this or that item of food, giving opinions about the likely delectability of the spilt wine, generally consoling the putative consumers about their sad loss.

There is nothing like common misfortune to bring people together and I expect, by the end of the Test series, there will be even more white faces bonded in fellowship by the actions of the men from Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Barbados, the Leeward Islands and Guyana.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

LAUSANNE: World championships: Selected results: Singles: Men: Fourth round: P Rasmussen (Den) bt D Hall (Eng) 15-4, 17-14.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago 10 Texas 8 (first game), Texas 13 Chicago 6 (second game); Milwaukee 7 Cleveland 5; Detroit 14 Minnesota 3; Kansas City 8 Toronto 5; California 3 New York 1; Oakland 5 Baltimore 3; Seattle 15 Boston 8.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	9	.625	—
New York	12	11	.522	2½
Detroit	13	13	.500	3
Toronto	11	15	.423	5
Baltimore	10	14	.417	5
Central division				
Cleveland	16	8	.667	—
Milwaukee	13	13	.500	3
Kansas City	11	14	.440	4½
Chicago	9	15	.375	7
Minnesota	9	18	.306	9
West division				
California	17	9	.654	—
Oakland	14	12	.538	3
Seattle	13	12	.520	3½
Texas	14	13	.519	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 5 Colorado 3; Cincinnati 4 Houston 2; Montreal 3 San Diego 2; Philadelphia 2 San Francisco 1; Atlanta 9 St Louis 5; Los Angeles 5 New York 0. Postponed: Pittsburgh v Florida.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	19	6	.760	—
Atlanta	16	10	.615	3½
Montreal	15	12	.556	5
New York	10	16	.385	9½
Florida	6	19	.240	13
Central division				
Chicago	17	8	.680	—
Cincinnati	14	11	.560	3
Houston	13	13	.500	4½
St Louis	11	16	.407	7
Pittsburgh	9	15	.375	7½
West division				
Colorado	16	12	.556	—
San Francisco	15	14	.481	2
Los Angeles	12	14	.462	2½
San Diego	11	15	.423	3½

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Western Conference: Houston 108 San Antonio 96 (Houston leads best-of-seven series 2-0).

BIRMINGHAM: European Championship: Qualifying round: England 96 Wales 57; Denmark 95 Luxembourg 75; Georgia 88 Poland 81.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Fetling: Durham 190 (S G Kenlock 5-48) and 336 (J I Longley 132, M De La Pena 5-99); Surrey 397 (N Shahid 125, D M Cox 4-44) and 184-2 (J D Ratcliffe 93 not out). Surrey won by eight wickets. Canterbury: Kent 327 (C Penn 112, M V Fleming 61, N W Preston 60, G R Cowdrey 58, C C Remy 5-74) and 272-6 dec (N J Llong 78, G R Cowdrey 72); Sussex 153 (J B Thompson 5-57) and 208-3 (N J Lenham 97, S Humphries 62 not out). Match drawn. Solihull: Hampshire 393-8 dec (M Keech 75, M J Toursfield 57, R J Maru 74, M Garaway 74 not out) and 223-6 dec (T C Middleton 93); Warwickshire 317 (A F Giles 50, A Singh 94) and 113-2 (W G Khan 72 not out). Match drawn. Taunton: Somerset 342 (P C Holloway 132) and 170-5 dec (R J Turner 73); Lancashire 196 (D J Shadford 55, J C Hallett 4-36) and 30-1. Match drawn. Bristol: Essex 312 (D D J Robinson 74, M A Garnham 71, A J E Hibbert 53) and 184 (R C Williams 4-80); Gloucestershire 314-6 dec (R J Cunliffe 131 not out) and 56-1. Match drawn. Worcester: Worcestershire 397-9 dec and 226-4 dec (D A Leatherdale 106). Leicestershire 254 (C D Crowe 58, P Mirza 6-89) and 272-7 (P Mirza 4-85). Match drawn. Harrow: Middlesex 407-8 dec (J C Harrison 225, P Farbrace 50) and 195-7: Northamptonshire 301-5 dec (D J Sales 91). Match drawn.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Charterhouse 220-9 dec, Eton 177-6; Dentstone 67, *Abbotsholme 68-1; MCC 223-2 dec. *Abbotsholme 129-1; MCC 194-3, *St Edmunds, Ware 107; QE Barnet 174, *St Edmunds, Ware 178-7; *Christ's Hospital 163-9 dec, RGS Guildford 156-8; Ryde 172-9 dec, *Embley Park 95-7; *Shrewsbury 213-1 (B J Chesters 101), Shropshire CA 182 (*denotes home side).

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Twelfth stage (201km, from Borgo a Mozzano to Cento): 1, M Cipollini (It, Mercatone Uno) 5hr 4min 50sec; 2, J Svorada (Slowakia, Lampre); 3, G Lombardi (It, Polti); 4, G Citterio (It, AKI Gipiemme); 5, M Manzoni (It, Brescialat); 6, J J Henry (Fr, Festina) all same time. Overall positions: 1, T Romanger (Switz, Mapei GB) 49:14:99; 2, P Ugrumov (Lat, Gewiss Ballan) at 3:08; 3, Y Berzin (Russ, Gewiss Ballan) 3:16.

FBD IRISH MILK RACE: Stage five (Dingle to Clonakilty, 102 miles): 1, R Eden (Optimum), 4hr 03min 00sec; 2, B Glasner (Ger), same time; 3, F O'Sullivan (Ire), at 42sec. Overall: 1, P Cassidy (Ire), 19hr 37min 49sec; 2, Glasner (Ger) at 1min 10sec; 3, M McKay (Liverpool) at 1:15.

MIDI LIBRE: First stage (206.5km, from Beaucaire to La Canourgue): 1, Z Spruch (Pol) 5hr 25min 39sec; 2, R Jaermann (Switz); 3, M Indurain (Sp); 4, C Boardman (GB); 5, R Virenque (Fr); 6, J-C Robin (Fr) all same time; 18, R Millar (GB) at 10:01.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Final: Ajax 1 AC Milan 0.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER: Group five: Belorussia 4 Norway 2.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Copa Brasil: Semi-final, first leg: Flamengo 2 Gremio 1; Vasco de Gama 0 Corinthians 1. São Paulo championship: Palmeiras 2 America/Rio Preto 0; Bragantino 1 XV de Piracicaba 1 Ponte Preta 2; Uniao São Joao 0 Santos 0; Rio Branco 1 São Paulo 2 Juventus 1.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Price (Zim) 21.27pts ave; 2, G Norman (Aus) 18.28; 3, N Faldo (GB) 18.16; 4, E Els (SA) 15.36; 5, B Langer (Ger) 14.58; 6, M Couples (US) 13.28; 7, J M Olazabal (Sp) 12.96, 8, C Montgomerie (GB) 12.47; 9, C Pavin (US) 11.14; 10, M Ozaki (Japan) 10.85; 11, S Ballesteros (Sp) 9.37, 12, D Frost (SA) 9.34, 13, V Singh (Fiji) 8.76; 14, M McCumber (US) 8.59; 15, I Woosnam (GB) 8.42; 16, L Roberts (US) 8.30; 17, F Zoeller (US) 8.23; 18, T Lehman (US) 7.90; 19, M McNulty (Zim) 7.71; 20, P Mickelson (US) 7.60.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Philadelphia 5 New York Rangers 2 (Philadelphia lead best-of-seven series 3-0); New Jersey 5 Pittsburgh 1 (New Jersey lead 2-1).

REAL TENNIS

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: US Women's Championships: Singles: Final: P Lumley (GB) beat S Haswell (GB) 5-6, 6-4, 6-0. Doubles: Semi-final: S Jones (GB) and L Ronaldson (GB) beat K Allen (GB) and K Tostes (Aus) 6-3, 6-3. Final: P Lumley and S Haswell bt S Jones and L Ronaldson 4-6, 6-4, 6-5.

NEWMARKET: British Land over-50 amateur doubles championships: Semi-finals (GB unless stated): M McMurrugh and J Ward bt P Danby and A Beeson 6-1, 6-0; H Angus and S Leigh bt T Cockram and G Limb (Aus) 3-6, 6-5, 6-3.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton 37 Hull 59. Postponed: Poole v Swindon.

TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Red Group: Russia bt Spain 2-1 (Russia names first): Y Kafelnikov lost to S Bruguera 3-6, 2-6; A Chesnokov bt A Berasategui 6-4, 6-1; Kafelnikov and A Olhovskiy bt Bruguera and C Costa 6-4, 6-3. Holland bt Croatia 2-1 (Holland names first): J Eltingh bt S Hirszon 6-1, 6-2; R Krajicek lost to G Ivanisevic 6-2, 2-6, 6-7; Eltingh and P Haarhuis bt Ivanisevic and Hirszon 6-2, 6-2. Blue Group: Australia bt Germany 2-1 (Australia names first): P Rafter bt K Braasch 5-7, 6-0, 6-4; J Stoltenberg lost to M Stich 2-6, 1-6, M Woodforde, and T Woodbridge bt P Kuhnen and Braasch 6-1, 6-2). Sweden bt United States 3-0 (Sweden names first): S Edberg bt M Washington 6-4, 6-4; M Larsson bt T Martin 7-5, 7-5; Edberg and J Bjorkman bt J Palmer and R Reneberg 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

CRAIGLOCKHART, Edinburgh: Women's world doubles Cup: Quarter-finals: P Fendick (US) and J Hetherington (Can) bt N Arendt (US) and L Golarsa (It) 6-4, 7-6; M Bollegraf (Holl) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt J Putlin (GB) and L Woodroffe (GB) 6-4, 6-3; M McGrath (US) and L Nealand (Lat) bt M Lindstrom (Swe) M Strandlund (Swe) 6-2, 6-4. Legends tournament: Mixed doubles (round robin): J Lloyd (GB) and T Austin (US) bt R Taylor (GB) and W Turnbull (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; J Kriek (US) and V Wade (GB) bt R Emerson (Aus) and J Durie (GB) 6-0, 6-3, 7-6.

ROUEN, France: Men's tournament: Second round: R Gilbert (Fr) bt M Rosset (Switz) 7-6, 6-1; T Guardiola (Fr) bt P McEnroe (US) 6-1, 6-1; J Courier (US) bt L Barthez (Fr) 6-1, 3-6, 7-6; G Raoux (Fr) bt C Pioline (Fr) 7-6, 6-7, 6-1.

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: Second round: Y Kamio (Japan) bt L McNeil (US) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt A Vieira (Br) 6-2, 6-1; S Appelmans (Bel) bt M Endo (Japan) 6-2, 6-4; M Oremans (Holl) bt T Widjinger-Jones (US) 6-1, 6-0; S Testud (Fr) bt M-J Fernandez (US) 7-6, 6-4; S Rober (Holl) bt M Wardel-Wimeyer (US) 6-4, 6-4; L Davenport (US) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-1, 6-1.

EVEREST NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Men: Premier division A: David Lloyd Bushey 3 Banbury West End 3 (Banbury West End win 9-6 on sets); West Bridgford 4 Holcombe Brook 2; Castle Farm 4 Newlands 2. Premier division B: Winchester 4 David Lloyd Raynes Park 2; Royal Berkshire 5 Clearview 1; David Lloyd Heston 3 David Lloyd Finchley 3 (David Lloyd Heston win 8-6 on sets). Women: Premier division A: Holcombe Brook 5 Bramhall Park 1; Huddersfield 0 Gosling 6; Newlands 0 Edgbaston Priory 6. Premier division B: Queens Club 4 Clearview 2; Globe 2 Winchester 4; Millfield 0 Caversham 6.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, A Agassi (US) 4,705pts; 2, P Sampras (US) 3,965; 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,265; 4, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,921, 5, T Muster (Austria) 2,675; 6, M Chang (US) 2,669; 7, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,663; 8, W Ferreira (SA) 2,511; 9, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 2,230; 10, M Larsson (Swe) 2,222; 11, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,200; 12, M Stich (Ger) 2,171; 13, J Courier (US) 1,978; 14, T Martin (US) 1,880; 15, R Krajicek (Holl) 1,825; 16, M Rosset (Switz) 1,743; 17, S Edberg (Swe) 1,691, 18, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,619; 19, A Gaudenzi (It) 1,484; 20, T Enqvist (Swe) 1,473; 21, J Bjorkman (Swe) 1,214; 22, K Novacek (Cz) 1,142; 23, B Karbacher (Ger) 1,124; 24, G Schaller (Austria) 1,099; 25, A Corretja (Sp) 1,094; 26, D Wheaton (US) 1,085; 27, J Stoltenberg (Aus) 1,081; 28, J Eltingh (Holl) 1,064; 29, G Forget (Fr) 1,040; 30, P Haarhuis (Holl) 1,009. British: 91, J Bates 565; 111, M Petchey 403; 139, C Wilkinson 299; 249, R Matheson 143; 250, D Sapsford 143; 288, G Henderson 134; 272, T Hanman 129; 285, M Maclagen 120; 318, A Foster 99; 352, N Gould 83.

WTA RANKINGS: 1, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 314.43pts; 2, S Graf (Ger) 297.27; 3, M Pierce (Fr) 231.70; 4, C Martinez (Sp) 219.25; 5, J Novotna (Cz) 169.75; 6, M Maleeva (Bul) 146.50; 7, L Davenport (US) 142.67; 8, G Sabatini (Arg) 135.76; 9, K Date (Japan) 130.98; 10, N Zvereva (Bul) 113.91; 11, A Huber (Ger) 107.22; 12, I Majoli (Cro) 82.16; 13, M J Fernandez (US) 81.87; 14, A Frazier (US) 74.55; 15, H Sukova (Cz) 72.12; 16, N Sawamatsu (Japan) 70.33; 17, B Schultz (Holl) 70.07; 18, L McNeil (US) 65.30; 19, A Coetzer (SA) 62.75; 20, J Halard (Fr) 59.97.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
one-day international
10.45, 55 overs
THE OVAL: England v West Indies

Britannic Assurance
county championship
11.0, second day of four, 110 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Middlesex
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex
LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Durham
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
Third day of four
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Glamorgan
University match
11.30, second day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Derbyshire

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Durham City CC: Durham v Lancashire. Walsall: Minor Counties v Warwickshire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Hampshire Castleford: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event (Windsor).
GOLF: PGA championship (Wentworth); English women's amateur championship (Ipswich)
MOTOR SPORT: World superbike championships (Donington Park).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League (7.30 unless stated): Arena Essex v Bradford (8.0); Belle Vue v Cradley Heath; Edinburgh v Wolverhampton (7.15); Hull v Long Eaton.
TENNIS: Women's world doubles tournament (Edinburgh).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer East — North-South game

	♠J65 ♥Q7 ♦K98 ♣AJ1087	
♠Q3 ♥1098654 ♦QJ5 ♣43		♠A10987 ♥- ♦A63 ♣K9652
	♠K42 ♥AKJ32 ♦10742 ♣Q	

W	N	E	S
-	-	1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

Contract: 3NT Doubled, by South. Lead: queen of spades

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand occurred at the Cafe Royal, London, recently. A Chicago duplicate is played there once a week on Mondays (details from 0181 780 5657). East played low on the queen of spades and the declarer (Tony Priday) won in hand and played the queen of clubs. When this held the trick he continued with a diamond to the queen, king and ace. East returned a diamond and the defence took four spade tricks to beat the contract by two.

As Priday pointed out afterwards, the clue to the winning line lies in West's double of 3NT. The only explanation for that is that West must be able to stop the run of the hearts, and so he must have at least five. Hence the winning play after the queen of clubs has held is to go to dummy with the queen of hearts and continue clubs. East eventually has to give the dummy a trick in either diamonds or spades, and the declarer makes two tricks in the pointed suits, four in hearts and three in clubs. 'I wish I'd reported that hand' I said to Priday when he showed it to me. 'You will, Sheehan, you will' he replied.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CLAVIATURE
a. A keyboard
b. The cleavage
c. Evading the question

COLLINE
a. An Irish wench
b. A small hill
c. A line joining same heights

CROZZLE
a. A bad-tempered old thing
b. A lacrosse goalie's stick
c. A cinder

CHAPOURNET
a. A hood
b. A drift-net
c. A French herald

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Win for RAC

The Royal Automobile Club has won the speed chess championship for the London Clubs. The tournament, held on Wednesday night, resulted in a win for the RAC with a 100% score in match points namely 18. Second place was taken by the Athenaeum with 16 ahead of Oxford and Cambridge Club 14, RAC B team 11, Chelsea Arts Club 9, The Hurlingham Club 8, RAC C team and Hurlingham B both 6, Hurlingham C 2 and the Savile Club 0. The tournament clincher was the match between the RAC and the Athenaeum which the former won by 2½-1½.

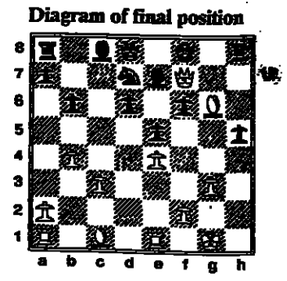
Two players distinguished themselves with a 100 per cent score, Henry Mutkin on board three for the RAC and Peter Lee, the former British champion, on top board for the Athenaeum.

White: Peter Lee
Black: David Cohen
London Clubs Championship, May 1995

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d3	d5
3	Nd2	b6
4	g3	Bb7
5	Bg2	Nd7
6	Ngf3	dxe4
7	dxe4	Bc5
8	0-0	Ne7
9	Re1	f6
10	c3	Ng6
11	b4	Be7
12	Qb3	e5
13	h4	h5
14	Bh3	Ngf8
15	Nc4	g5
16	Bf5	gxh4
17	Nxh4	Bc8
18	Ng6	Nxg6
19	Nd6+	cxd6
20	Bxg6+	Kf8
21	Qf7	checkmate

Diagram of final position



Super Classic

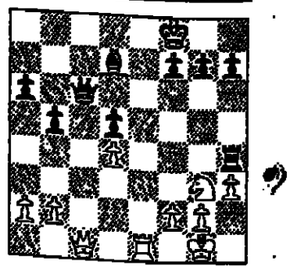
The Professional Chess Association Super Classic tournament starts in Novgorod today. The players include Garry Kasparov, Vassily Ivanchuk and Nigel Short; the prize fund is $120,000. The tournament is scheduled to finish on June 6.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Botvinnik - Khavin, Moscow 1944. The position looks quiet but, with a couple of accurate moves, White destroyed his opponent's defences. Can you see what he played?



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High-class century by White lifts Yorkshire


White: impressive

By Jack Bailey

SHEFFIELD (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 229 for seven wickets

THIS was a rare and memorable day's cricket. Rare, because, for all its lack of easy runs, it kept you enthralled from start to finish; memorable for Craig White's second championship century of the season — the fourth of his career — on a pitch which offered something to good bowling and rewarded batsmanship based on the old-fashioned principles of sound footwork, a straight bat, and the ability to punish the bad ball unfailingly.

These qualities shone through White's innings yesterday. He is the only Yorkshire batsman to have scored one championship century this season, let alone two, and the reason for his success were readily apparent. When he reached his century, it was with a straight drive which missed the bowler's wicket by no more than a yard or two. It was an eminently satisfying stroke because it somehow encapsulated the crucial elements of his success.

White had batted just over three hours, had faced 155 balls and had hit a six and 14 fours. Shortly afterwards, the rains came with White undefeated, the game finely balanced and Yorkshire, having been sent in on a greenish pitch, reasonably placed in this top-of-the-table encounter. For their part, Northamptonshire were left regretting that the one real blemish in White's innings — a sharp, awkward, chest-high catch to Capel at slip off Taylor, when he had made 17 — had not been taken.

Had the chance been accepted, there is no knowing what sort of a mess Yorkshire would have been in. Northamptonshire's seamers were well suited to the early juice in the wicket, the occasional lift of the good length ball and the movement sideways off the pitch. The loose wrist and silken spinning fingers of Kumble offered no respite.

By the time White appeared, hard graft and several near misses had carried Yorkshire to 68 for three. Only Byas, that solid craftsman, and the Australian, Bevan, left-handers both, had looked remotely comfortable, but a beauty from Mallender pierced the defence of Byas and Bevan played on unluckily, attempting to withdraw his bat.

The highest partnership of the Yorkshire innings thus far has been the 64 put on between White and Blakey and of these White made 48. Kumble was reduced by White to bowling round the wicket to the right-hander, but he did succeed in removing both Parker and Hartley.

As White strode on, he confirmed that, should he recover faith in his damaged intercostal muscles and regain the old zip in his bowling, he will once again be high on the list for a place in the England team.

Radford marks championship debut

Such strikes to end Gatting's hopes of century

By Pat Gibson

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 329 for six wickets against Essex

MIKE GATTING kicked the ground in disgust. It was not so much that he had fallen six runs short of what would have been the 85th century of his career and his ninth against Essex but that he had failed to go on and play the leading innings which could have dictated the course of this match.

Significantly, he had become the first victim of spin in what ought to be a classic contest. The Test and County Cricket Board has apparently designated 1995 as the year of the spinner and Essex, with Such and Childs, and Middlesex, with Emburey and Tufnell, are better equipped than all the other counties in the Britannic Assurance Championship.

In the circumstances, Middlesex were looking for a total of at least 400 when they batted first on a pitch tailored to the new guidelines: tinged with green in the middle and shaved at the ends. If they do not get it — and it is a tall order now — Gooch and Waugh may make them pay a heavy price.

Essex and Middlesex have won the championship 11 times between them in the past 15 years but neither side approached this game exactly brimming with confidence. Essex had just lost to Sussex by 278 runs and Middlesex had gone down to Lancashire by an innings. Furthermore, Middlesex were without Ramprakash and Fraser, who are on one-day international duty, and had Toby Radford, 23, making his championship debut.

Gatting threw him in at the deep end by asking him to open with Pooley, and he did not sink. Far from it. A former MCC-Lord's Taverners player of the year at under-13, under-15 and under-19 levels, he showed himself to be a well-organised batsman with a sound defence and a pleasant range of strokes once he had acquired the confidence to play them.

He had lost Pooley, expertly picked up by Waugh at second slip off Irani, at 40 but he found assurance in the company of his captain, who looked much more like his old self back in the No 3 position. Together they would have put on 146 in 47 overs before Radford was caught one-handed at backward point by Such off Cousins for 69, compiled in 223 minutes and containing eight fours.

It was an excellent catch by Such, whose fielding has improved out of all recognition, but it was in his more familiar role that he was to strike the day's most telling blow. Gatting had moved on to 94, his highest score of the season, in just over three hours, hitting a six and 11 fours, when he went to drive the off-spinner and was mortified to see the ball turn and hit the top of his leg stump.

Carr, strangely out of sorts at the moment, had already gone, leg-before to Ilott at the beginning of his fourth spell, and Middlesex were not making the best of the conditions when Weekes, who had got away with one chance, hoisted Such to deep square leg.

Brown was more in tune with the requirements. Not for the first time, he showed what a valuable member of the Middlesex side he is by making an admirable 57 before Ilott came back yet again to have him caught behind. Nash, meanwhile, had been reminding everyone that he was good enough to score a half-century against England at Lord's last year, and Emburey needed no reminding how valuable runs were. They had put on 42 by the close but Middlesex could do with a few more yet.

☐ Surrey are to adopt a ticket return service for the second one-day international between England and West Indies at the Oval today. Spectators who cannot stay will be invited to leave their tickets, which will be resold.

MARC ASPLAND


Gatting glances a ball from Ilott to fine leg at Chelmsford yesterday

Determined Bowler grasps tailor-made chance

By Michael Henderson

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Somerset have scored 298 for four wickets against Warwickshire

THIS was a dull, grinding, attritional day and Somerset will not give a hoot. Deprived by injury of five players, including their captain, wicketkeeper and both new-ball bowlers, they ended it in a favourable position after being instructed to bat on a green pitch in cool, breezy conditions that assisted swing bowling.

In short it was a day made for Peter Bowler, who did not disappoint. He batted the better part of it, joining Lathwell in the eleventh over when Trescothick was caught behind, and staying to complete his second century for the county in the final hour as Holloway, once of Warwickshire, helped him to add 123 for the fifth wicket.

Bowler's hundred came from 253 balls and included a dozen boundaries. It was an innings notable for its solidity and quiet determination, the qualities Somerset sought when they signed him from Derbyshire. By holding the innings together, and going on to complete a century, he offered a rebuke to Lathwell, who was back in the shed before lunch after a promising beginning.

Bowler should not have lasted the day. In the penultimate over, he got his signals badly crossed with Holloway and survived only because Smith, who returned the ball from mid-wicket, and Piper, who broke the stumps without it, contrived a peculiar reprieve. It was not really Warwickshire's day.

Regrettably, when Bowler reached his century (and, for the record, his fifty) he chose to acknowledge only his own team-mates. It was precisely the kind of selfish gesture, all too common, which should be punished, and never is. On this ground, where the players crouch behind windows in the dungeon they call the pavilion, rendering them almost invisible, it was an absurd dumb show. He was not the only dim cricketer out there. It was 5.47 before Davis, the left-arm spinner, was invited to bowl his first over, the 96th of the innings. Bowler was 107 by then, Holloway 31, and their stand was one run short of 100. Reeve was clearly too busy bowling himself to remember he had picked Davis, who got a sarcastic cheer when he took the ball.

Davis is not the greatest "ripper" in the world but he offered a different line of attack. Until that point the bowling had been carried by four right-armers at a pace no sharper than medium, and Smith, the tidy off spinner. The champions need Donald and Munton back quickly.

Reeve thought he had Bowler caught at the wicket when the batsman had made 11. Thereafter it was a day of unremitting toil for Warwickshire as he progressed to 27 by lunch, 74 by tea and 121 by stumps. Bowler is not easy on the eye, lacking grace and range of stroke, but he has long since proved his effectiveness in county cricket.

Lathwell, alas, had gone in the second hour of play, leg-before to Twose as he shuffled across his stumps. He played the stroke of the day when he pulled Small for six and continues to titillate. With a few ounces of Bowler's fortitude he could still go a good deal further than seems likely.

Kent evoke golden days

By Ivo Tennant

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (second day of four): Glamorgan, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 214 runs behind Kent

CAST the mind back 20 or more years and it is possible to evoke a loose-limbed Oriental in partnership with a stocky Man of Kent. One makes a century with a sure, felicitous touch and the other thumps cover drives and square cuts through the in-field to rustlings of approval from his own kind.

There is always a sense of a time warp about the Nevill, a cricket ground in repose. At first glance yesterday Asif Iqbal and Alan Ealham were at the crease, as they so often were two decades ago. Both of them would have had a keen appreciation of the partnership that unfurled.

Aravinda de Silva put on 151 in 49 overs with Mark Ealham, who, take away his white helmet, bears an uncanny resemblance to his father. The pitch was flat, the bowling lacking in penetration. Kent, 314 for three at one point, should have made a total in excess of 400 or even 500.

Instead, they lost their last five wickets for 27 and in turn struggled to contain Glamorgan in the final session. Morris, his back not troubling him for the time being, put on an unbroken 155 with Dale. They, too, had scant cause for concern. This is one pitch, and indeed one match, that will last for four days.

So their partnership has already almost exceeded that of de Silva and Ealham, although not for virtuosity. Morris reckoned earlier in the day that he could counter de Silva's leg-side play, placing one fielder slightly in front of square, another at mid-wicket and a third at wide mid-on. But the Sri Lankan's placement was still highly effective.

His century, his second for Kent, came with a four off Kendrick through that mid-wicket region. There were 23 in all before he was leg-before to Anthony looking to improvise something further on the leg side. He departed flicking his pad with his bat in annoyance and the fun went out of the innings with him.

Ealham likewise was leg-before, swinging across the line at Watkin, and the last five wickets went swiftly. Anthony, who all too easily can give the appearance of the bored hired hand, finished with five for 70, his best figures for Glamorgan. He is, lest we forget, on stand-by for West Indies should injuries or illness befall one of their fast bowlers.

This will be more of a spinner's pitch today and tomorrow, as Patel illustrated with one ball that turned and jumped out of the rough. By then, however, Glamorgan, in sixth place in the championship table, three points behind Kent, had put together their best opening stand of the season.

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Terry puts Sussex to sword

By Geoffrey Wheeler

HAMPSHIRE cast aside early-season batting frailties in the grand manner yesterday. Paul Terry and Robin Smith both completing centuries against Sussex in the course of their third-wicket partnership of 259 in 74 overs at Portsmouth.

Having been dismissed for less than 200 in the first innings of their three previous championship games, Hampshire began the match without a batting point or a batsman in form, which must have encouraged Ian Salisbury, who was captaining Sussex for the first time.

But his hopes of engineering another collapse were soon dashed. Terry batted throughout the day for his unbeaten 162 out of 356 for three and has already hit 17 fours and a six. Smith, who knows he must score heavily to reclaim his England place, showed much of his old authority and hit 15 boundaries in his 120 before falling to Franklyn Stephenson.

Manoj Prabhakar and Javagal Srinath, who share the new ball for India following the retirement of Kapil Dev, may not be the most threatening opening attack in Test cricket, but they are adapting readily to the county game.

Prabhakar, who has already scored some useful runs for Durham, dismissed the first six Leicestershire batsmen at Grace Road yesterday without help from his supporting cast. Three went leg-before and three bowled, including James Whitaker who repaired early damage with a typically bold innings of 91 made from 122 balls.

Leicestershire, struggling at 249 for seven, were grateful to those determined characters, Gordon Parsons and David Millns, for a partnership of 98 for the eighth wicket. But Prabhakar had the last word, having Millns caught behind for 40 to end the day with seven for 55, a career best.


Smith: back to form

Srinath, recommended to Gloucestershire by Courtney Walsh, his predecessor as the county's overseas player, has already won two gold awards during the side's unexpected advance to the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup. He has been equally niggardly in the four-day game and yesterday took four for 34 in 23 overs as Worcestershire were dismissed for 172 at Archdeacon Meadow, Gloucester.

Left-armer Mike Smith continued his good start to the season with four for 68 while Mark Alleyne, bowling with unusual economy, lent stout support. With Dean Hodgson dropping anchor, Gloucestershire finished handily placed at 122 for two.

Another overseas bowler, New Zealand's Chris Cairns, made Lancashire, work hard to reach 277 for eight against Nottinghamshire at Liverpool. Cairns, who has been handicapped by a strained side in recent weeks, took four for 43 in his 20 overs. Lancashire, seeking their fourth successive victory, were going well until Cairns ended a second-wicket partnership between Steve Titchard and John Crawley, worth 88, by dismissing them in successive overs.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Middlesex

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Middlesex won toss). Middlesex have scored 329 for six wickets against Essex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings
T A Radford c Such b Cousins 69
J C Pooley c Waugh b Irani 19
*M W Gatting b Such 94
J D Carr lbw b Ilott 1
P N Weekes c Childs b Such 17
†K R Brown c Rollins b Ilott 57
D J Nash not out 23
J E Emburey not out 21
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 1, nb 16) 28
Total (6 wkts, 110 overs) 329
R L Johnson, M A Feltham and P C R Tufnell to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-186, 3-202, 4-202, 5-255, 6-287.
BOWLING: Ilott 29-6-84-2; Cousins 23-4-68-1; Irani 17-3-53-1; Such 29-7-57-2; Childs 12-0-56-0.
ESSEX: G A Gooch, *P J Prichard, M E Waugh, N Hussain, J J B Lewis, R C Irani, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, P M Such, D M Cousins, J H Childs
Bonus points: Essex 2 Middlesex 3
Umpires: B Dudleston and B Leadbeater

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

GLOUCESTER (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Gloucestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 50 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
W P C Weston c Lynch b Smeeth 14
*T S Curtis lbw b Smeeth 44
T M Moody lbw b Smith 2
G R Haynes lbw b Alleyne 0
D A Leatherdale c Russell b Smeeth 18
†S J Rhodes lbw b Smith 34
S R Lampitt b Alleyne 3
P J Newport not out 22
R K Illingworth c Russell b Smith 4
N V Radford lbw b Smeeth 12
P Thomas b Smith 1
Extras (b 6, lb 8, nb 4) 18
Total (74.1 overs) 172
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-38, 3-39, 4-76, 5-107, 6-122, 7-142, 8-146, 9-165.
BOWLING: Smeeth 21-9-35-4; Smith 21.1-5-68-4; Alleyne 25-16-35-2; Dawson 6-2-18-0; Ball 1-0-1-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
A J Wright c Rhodes b Radford 29
G D Hodgson not out 35
M A Lynch c Weston b Illingworth 40
R I Dawson not out 4
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 12) 14
Total (2 wkts, 35 overs) 122
M W Alleyne, A Symonds, *†R C Russell, J Smeeth, M C J Ball, M Davies and A M Smith to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-110.
BOWLING: Radford 7-2-18-1; Haynes 5-1-21-0; Thomas 2-0-20-0; Newport 6-1-28-0; Lampitt 10-1-29-0; Illingworth 5-1-5-1
Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4 Worcestershire 0
Umpires: J W Holder and B J Meyer.

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH (first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 356 for three wickets against Sussex

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
R S M Morris c Moores b Giddins 23
V P Terry not out 162
J P Stephenson lbw b Jarvis 8
R A Smith c Jarvis b Stephenson 120
P R Whitaker not out 15
Extras (b 8, lb 5, w 1, nb 14) 28
Total (3 wkts, 110 overs) 356
G W White, *M C J Nicholas, †A N Aymes, H H Streak, C A Connor and J N B Bovill to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-70, 3-329.
BOWLING: Stephenson 17-6-32-1; Jarvis 19-1-88-1; Hemmings 20-4-57-0; Giddins 15-2-50-1; Salisbury 20-2-72-0; Newell 15-3-35-0; Athey 3-1-8-0.
SUSSEX: C W J Athey, J W Hall, M Newell, N J Lenham, K Greenfield, †P Moores, F D Stephenson, *I D K Salisbury, P W Jarvis, E S H Giddins, E E Hemmings.
Bonus points: Hampshire 4 Sussex 1
Umpires: V A Holder and P B Wight.

Lancashire v Nottinghamshire

LIVERPOOL (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 277 for eight wickets against Nottinghamshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings
J E R Gallian b Cairns 9
S P Titchard c Evans b Cairns 57
J P Crawley lbw b Cairns 49
N J Speak lbw b Cairns 50
G D Lloyd lbw b Evans 15
*M Watkinson c and b Evans 21
Wasim Akram c Archer b Afford 47
I D Austin lbw b Pick 2
†W K Hegg not out 4
G Chapple not out 0
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 14) 23
Total (8 wkts, 103 overs) 277
G Keedy to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-127, 3-128, 4-152, 5-190, 6-269, 7-273, 8-273
Bowling: Cairns 20-2-43-4; Pick 19-7-39-1; Evans 24-5-55-2; Afford 34-9-83-1; Hindson 9-0-49-0.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: M P Dowman, *†R T Robinson, G F Archer, P Johnson, C L Cairns, J R Wileman, †W M Noon, K P Evans, A J Hindson, R A Pick, J A Afford.
Bonus points: Lancashire 2 Nottinghamshire 3
Umpires: G I Burgess and K E Palmer.

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (first day of four; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 349 for eight wickets against Durham

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
D L Maddy lbw b Prabhakar 0
*N E Briers lbw b Prabhakar 41
W J Cronje b Prabhakar 8
J J Whitaker b Prabhakar 92
V J Wells b Prabhakar 58
B F Smith lbw b Prabhakar 33
†P A Nixon lbw b Boiling 0
G J Parsons not out 60
D J Millns c Ligertwood b Prabhakar 40
A R K Pierson not out 1
Extras (b 6, nb 10) 16
Total (9 wkts, 111 overs) 349
A D Mullally to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-15, 3-121, 4-158, 5-242, 6-245, 7-245, 8-343.
BOWLING: Brown 20-2-78-0; Prabhakar 25-6-55-7; Betts 20-5-61-0; Birbeck 16-1-55-0; Boiling 28-6-78-1; Blenkiron 4-0-16-0
DURHAM: *M A Roseberry, W Larkins, J E Morris, M Saxelby, M Prabhakar, D A Blenkiron, S D Birbeck, †D C G Ligertwood, J Boiling, S J E Brown, M M Betts.
Bonus points: Leicestershire 3 Durham 3
Umpires: J D Bond and R Julian

Warwickshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Somerset have scored 298 for four wickets against Warwickshire

SOMERSET: First Innings
M N Lathwell lbw b Twose 47
M E Trescothick c Piper b Small 14
*P D Bowler not out 122
R J Harden lbw b Brown 32
K A Parsons c Piper b Small 21
†P C L Holloway not out 39
Extras (b 5, lb 5, w 1, nb 12) 23
Total (4 wkts, 110 overs) 298
G D Rose, J C Hallett, J I D Kerr, Mushtaq Ahmed and H R J Trump to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-76, 3-137, 4-175.
BOWLING: Small 23-5-69-2; Brown 25-5-88-1; Reeve 25-7-53-0; Twose 19-5-49-1; Smith 14-4-22-0; Davis 4-1-10-0
WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, N V Knight, Wasim Khan, T L Penney, R G Twose, *D A Reeve, D R Brown, †K J Piper, N M K Smith, G C Small, R P Davis.
Bonus points: Warwickshire 1 Somerset 2
Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

Yorkshire v Northants

SHEFFIELD (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 229 for seven wickets against Northamptonshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
A McGrath c Lamb b Taylor 12
M P Vaughan c Warren b Capel 25
*D Byas b Mallender 31
M G Bevan b Capel 9
C White not out 106
†R J Blakey c Capel b Curran 16
B Parker c Curran b Kumble 4
P J Hartley lbw b Kumble 4
R D Stemp not out 9
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 2) 13
Total (7 wkts, 87.2 overs) 229
S M Milburn and M A Robinson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-38, 3-68, 4-103, 5-167, 6-182, 7-196.
BOWLING: Taylor 21.2-5-78-1; Mallender 17-4-38-1; Capel 15-8-25-2; Kumble 22-5-58-2; Curran 12-4-21-1.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, †R J Warren, R J Bailey, T C Walton, *A J Lamb, K M Curran, D J Capel, J N Snape, A Kumble, N A Mallender, J P Taylor.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 1 Northamptonshire 3
Umpires: T E Jesty and A G T Whitehead.

Kent v Glamorgan

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (second day of four): Glamorgan, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 214 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings
T R Ward run out 98
*M R Benson c Croft b Dale 14
N R Taylor retired hurt 13
P A de Silva lbw b Anthony 135
M J Walker c Metson b Anthony 6
M A Ealham lbw b Watkin 58
†S A Marsh c Maynard b Watkin 13
M M Patel not out 21
M J McCague c and b Anthony 1
D W Headley c sub b Anthony 2
A P Igglesden c Cottey b Anthony 2
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 4) 6
Total (117.1 overs) 369
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-148, 3-163, 4-314, 5-342, 6-350, 7-351, 8-361, 9-369.
BOWLING: Watkin 30-6-98-2; Anthony 24.1-6-70-5; Thomas 13-0-61-0; Dale 10-4-31-1; Croft 25-8-83-0; Kendrick 13-2-37-0; Hemp 2-1-8-0.
GLAMORGAN: First Innings
A Dale not out 74
*H Morris not out 72
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1, nb 2) 9
Total (no wkt, 43 overs) 155
D L Hemp, M P Maynard, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, H A G Anthony, N M Kendrick, S D Thomas, †C P Metson and S L Watkin to bat.
BOWLING: McCague 9-1-39-0; Igglesden 9-0-46-0; Headley 10-1-27-0; Ealham 5-1-15-0; Patel 7-2-17-0; deSilva 3-0-5-0.
Bonus points: Kent 4 Glamorgan 4
Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.

University match

Oxford University v Derbyshire

THE PARKS (first day of three; Derbyshire won toss): Oxford University, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 246 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
T J G O'Gorman c Jarrett b Mather 17
W A Dessaur not out 119
C M Wells c Sutcliffe b Ricketts 115
†K M Krikken not out 2
Extras (lb 6, nb 2) 8
Total (2 wkts dec, 81 overs) 261
*K J Barnett, C J Adams, P Aldred, M E Cassar, A J Harris, A Richardson and A W Cotsam did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-251.
BOWLING: Mather 19-6-37-1, MacRobert 20-1-75-0; Windsor 12-2-24-0; Attfield 7-1-37-0; Ricketts 8-0-26-1; Macmillan 11-0-37-0; Kendall 1-0-6-0; Sutcliffe 3-0-13-0
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings
C M Gupte c Krikken b Richardson 2
I J Sutcliffe lbw b Richardson 3
J M Attfield not out 8
†M E D Jarrett not out 4
Total (2 wkts, 8 overs) 15
*G I Macmillan, A C Ridley, W S Kendall, J Windsor, A D MacRobert, J D Ricketts and D P Mather to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-11.
BOWLING: Harris 3-1-8-0; Richardson 3-1-9-2.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and M K Reed.

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Schofield counters critics with Volvo's help

BY MEL WEBB

KEN SCHOFIELD, executive director of the PGA European Tour, has been an embattled man recently, the target by inference of criticism from leading players about their fears for the future of European men's professional golf. Yesterday the silence from the big-name dissidents was deafening as Schofield revealed an extension of a multi-million-pound investment by the tour's principal sponsor.

The talk from such luminaries as Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and José María Olazábal has smacked of a tour in crisis. They have accused Schofield and his staff of sacrificing quality for quantity in the tournament programme; there have been accusations that a "comfort zone" is preventing the emergence of young players to take over when the present generation of great European performers has gone.

Yet here was Schofield rising to his feet to announce that Volvo, the tour's title sponsor since 1988, is to continue its backing for a further four years from 1996 at a cost of £20 million. There are members of dozens of sports' ruling bodies in Europe who would give their eye-teeth to be enmeshed in that sort of crisis.

It was somehow appropriate that Schofield should make his announcement at Wentworth, where the Volvo PGA championship, the tour's flagship event, starts today. The tournament, with its purse of £900,000 and a first prize of £150,000, exemplifies the Swedish car makers' commitment to make the European Tour the equal of any circuit in the world. Leafy Surrey is no place for prophets of doom this week.

"Volvo's commitment to the tour has greatly supported our growth and continues to exceed our expectations," Schofield said. "The extension of Volvo's sponsorship is genuine confirmation of the special partnership and long-term relationship which has been built up."

There is to be a change in emphasis in Volvo's backing that will remove its name from the title of the tour. This has been done at the request of the tour, which wanted to revert to operation under its own name.

It means that Volvo will concentrate its efforts on the promotion of four tournaments and working in four other areas — the operation of the order of merit, the bonus pool paid out to the season's most successful players, a courtesy car programme at tournaments and backing for the televising of tour events.

Schofield had a long talk with Ballesteros, Olazábal, Faldo and Ian Woosnam on Wednesday, and Faldo, for one, was anxious to give the meeting his seal of approval.

"Ken's doing a great job," he said. "Things are going forward nicely. My main concern has been the quality of the courses we play on, and I think everything is being done to improve that.

"I think sometimes everybody wants things to happen quicker than they can. It takes time; we must be patient. We need to make the courses better to help more great young golfers to come through. This tour has been through a very difficult time, but I think the future is good."

Faldo, already the only man to win this event four times, goes into the tournament as favourite. There is nothing new in that. It is a burden with which he is saddled just about every time he picks up a club in anger, especially in Europe.

However, having spent almost five months playing on the glass-fast greens in the United States, he is going to have to make a bigger adjustment than most of his opponents. Putting surfaces in England at this time of year are hardly renowned for their slickness. In comparative terms, he will think he is putting on a pudding.

He will fly straight back to the United States after this tournament to play in the Memorial at Muirfield Village, then goes on a reconnaissance mission to Shinnecock Hills, venue for the US Open next month. How long he stays there will depend on how he plays in the Memorial. "If I was to win it, it might mean some serious fishing," he said, and smiled. Yes, he smiled. America has changed Faldo — it is a change, beyond dispute, for the better.

Alesi's Ferrari posts early warning of intent in first qualifying session

Hill sees pitfalls of Monaco brought sharply into focus

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONTE CARLO

THE main television screen in the bank of 12 that confronted Damon Hill yesterday afternoon showed a picture of the Monte Carlo Casino. His gaze flitted across it to images less grand and imposing. Walls of figures competed with graphs and charts detailing the performance of his Williams-Renault.

Outside his garage, the chaos that surrounds the showpiece of the Formula One season was in full swing. Trucks tried to force their way in and out of the pit lane and mechanics trundled equipment towards the paddock beneath the grandstands as the public flooded in. In the harbour, yachts moved gently back to their berths.

Still Hill pored over the screens, talking with his Renault engineers, trying to see where he could pick up extra fractions of a second to improve the fourth place he earned in the first qualifying session for the Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday. Eventually, he dragged himself away to return to his motor-home.

It may be the most glamorous race in the calendar, the one that offers the most distractions, the bars, the galas, the history. But it also demands the highest levels of concentration from the drivers. As landmarks such as the Loews hotel and Casino Square flash past in the blink of an eye, it induces a kind of hypnosis in the drivers when they can least afford it.

Indeed, it seemed to affect Hill for a while yesterday. He was eighth for much of the qualifying session and, when it rained midway through, it seemed he would have to suffer in that position until the second qualifying session tomorrow. He posted his quickest time with a few minutes remaining, however, and was happy to take fourth place going into today's rest day.

"You can settle into a very distinct rhythm on this circuit," Hill said. "It seems like it is right-left, right-left, all the time. It becomes hypnotic, it is almost mesmerising, but you cannot allow your concentration to waver for a moment because there is so little margin for error."

Hill's clear early-season advantage has disappeared now, eaten away by Jean Alesi and Michael Schumacher. Alesi led after the first session, driving close to his best again and finishing nearly 0.4sec ahead of the world champion as Ferrari's renaissance continued. But he dared not contemplate a maiden victory on Sunday.

"I'm really well prepared for Monaco," Alesi said. "My car is well-balanced and easy to drive and so I was able to do a good time. But it is too early to think about victory. We will have to make progress on Saturday."

David Coulthard, Hill's team-mate, struggled on his first outing at Monaco, lagging behind the front-runners as he tried to learn the track.

He, too, sought to describe the special fears it holds. "When you are learning the track," he said, "you cannot afford to push it too hard because, if you lose control, there is no way of bringing it back. There is no margin for error because the barriers are right on top of you and, when you have that at the back of your mind, it does not improve your confidence. But I am gradually getting up to speed."

If anybody fell victim to the hypnotic effect Hill described, however, it may have been Mark Blundell, Nigel Mansell's replacement at McLaren. After an impressive first morning in the car, Blundell rose to eighth in the standings before losing control on the hill that slopes past the Tip Top Bar, which Graham Hill and his colleagues used to frequent in the halcyon days of grand prix racing.

The McLaren-Mercedes twitched to the right and Blundell smashed into the barriers at 110mph. He emerged unscathed. "I am slightly baffled by what happened," he said. "But perhaps I was just a bit too eager on fresh tyres."

His team-mate, Mika Hakkinen, endeavoured to play down Mansell's assessment a fortnight ago that the car was undriveable. "Of course it's not," he said. "If it was undriveable, I would be in last position — and I am fifth."

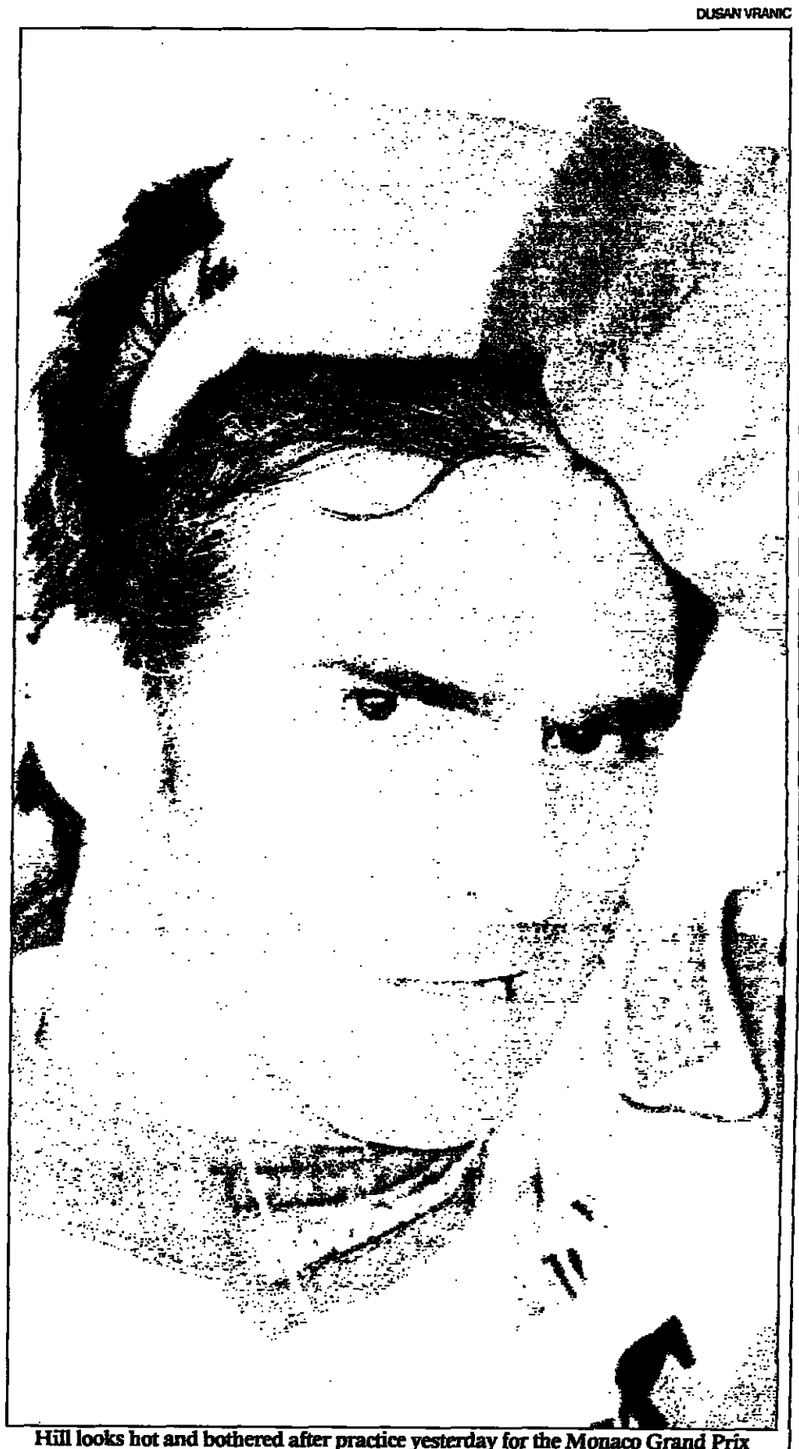
DETAILS

FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION: 1, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1min 23.754sec (88.804mph); 2, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Renault, 1:24.146; 3, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:24.509; 4, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 1:24.699; 5, M Hakkinen (Fin), McLaren-Mercedes, 1:24.831; 6, J Herbert (GB), Benetton-Renault, 1:25.623; 7, H-H Frentzen (Ger), Sauber-Ford, 1:25.661; 8, M Blundell (GB), McLaren-Mercedes, 1:26.017; 9, E Irvine (Ire), Jordan-Peugeot, 1:26.447; 10, M Brundle (GB), Ligier-Mugen, 1:26.457; 11, D Coulthard (GB), Williams-Renault, 1:26.556; 12, O Panis (Fr), Ligier-Mugen, 1:26.579; 13, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan-Peugeot, 1:28.787; 14, G Morbidelli (It), Footwork-Hart, 1:26.828; 15, L Badoer (It), Minardi-Ford, 1:27.615; 16, P Martini (It), Minardi-Ford, 1:27.714; 17, M Salo (Fin), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 1:28.123; 18, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 1:28.439; 19, J Verstappen (Holl), Simtek-Ford, 1:29.391; 20, D Schiattarella (It), Simtek-Ford, 1:29.439; 21, J-C Boutton (Fr), Sauber-Ford, 1:30.014; 22, A Montermini (It), Pacific-Ford, 1:30.139; 23, R Moreno (Br), Forti-Ford, 1:30.461; 24, T Inohue (Japan), Footwork-Hart, 1:31.542; 25, P Diniz (Br), Forti-Ford, 1:34.963

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (after four rounds): Drivers: 1, Schumacher 24pts; 2, Hill 23; 3, Alesi 14; 4, Berger 13; 5 equal, Coulthard and Herbert 9; 7, Hakkinen 5; 8, Frentzen 3; 9, Irvine 2; 10 equal, Panis and Blundell 1. Constructors: 1, Ferrari 27pts; 2, Williams 26; 3, Benetton 23; 4, McLaren 6; 5, Sauber 3; 6, Jordan 2; 7, Ligier 1.

Benetton deducted ten points and Williams six points for fuel irregularities

DUSAN VRANIC



Hill looks hot and bothered after practice yesterday for the Monaco Grand Prix

RADIO CHOICE

A Freudian analysis

Three Writers in Search of a Character. *Radio 4, 8.50pm.*

Sigmund Freud, it appears, is the most written-about individual in history after Christ. He certainly figures in the writings of the trio of speakers assembled for the first of four programmes concerned with biographical writing. They are the poet and novelist D.M. Thomas, the scriptwriter Carey Harrison, who wrote the BBC2 series on Freud, and the biographer Paul Ferris, currently researching a book on him. Apart from explaining what they discovered about Freud's personality, they are asked by John Florence what questions they would put to him were they able to meet him today. "Where are we all going?" and "What was your sex life really like?" are two of them. Thomas feels we desperately need people of Freud's stature around today. "I don't think we have them any more."

No Further Questions. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

His Majesty's Subject, the third dramatisation of key trials in English law, sees a hero of Waterloo in the dock. Sir Thomas Picton was arraigned on an indictment in 1806 that as the Governor of a colonial dependency he abused his station by inflicting torture upon one of His Majesty's subjects. Proceedings against him were to drag on for two years after a woman travelled from Trinidad to see him brought to trial. Peter Yapp plays Picton and Beverley Andrews the complainant, Luisa Calderon. Paul Burns's dramatisation is presented by Nicholas Stewart, QC. **Kenneth Gosling**

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RADIO 3

6.30am **Open University:** *Maths — Curve Sketching*
6.55 Weather
7.00 **On Air:** Debussy (*La cathédrale engloutie*, Preludes, Book II); 7.11 *Handel Handbook*: Handel (Trio Sonata in E minor, Op 5 No 3); 7.32 Stainer (I Saw the Lord); 8.05 *Purcell Portfolio*: Purcell (A selection of songs); 8.22 Messiaen (*Louange à L'immortalité de Jésus*, *Quatuor pour la fin du temps*); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 2 in A)
9.00 **Composers of the Week:** Widor and Vierne
10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Mendelssohn (Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream); 10.41 *Artists of the Week*: City of Birmingham SO performs Takemitsu (To the Edge of Dream); 10.32 Bartók (Suite, Op 14); Mozart (Adagio in E, K261); Berg (Piano Sonata), 11.25 Tartini (Sonata in G minor, Didone abbandonata); 11.37 Liszt (Mephistopheles, A Faust Symphony)
12.00 **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Richard Bernas (r)
1.00pm **Joan Rodgers Sings Schubert:** The soprano, with Malcolm Martineau, piano (r)
2.00 **Schools:** The Song Tree: Music Course 1 2.15 Together Stories 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner
3.00 **Mining the Archive:** A 1975 recording of Michael Morrow's re-creation of the Medici wedding festivities of 1539
4.20 **Fairest Isle: Turns of the Century.** Russell Davies introduces Tommy Cooper
4.30 **Songs of South East Asia:** Lullabies and folk songs from Vietnam depicting work and ritual
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Tommy Pearson talks to Nicholas Kenyon and Johnny Beerling about the concept and organisation of *Music Live 95*
5.15 **In Tune**, with Richard Baker. Bach (Concerto in A minor for four keyboards and strings, BWV 1065). 6.03 Chopin (Trois nouvelles études); Schubert (Erlkönig, D328)
7.30 **Music Live 95: Gala Concert.** Rossini (Overture, William Tell); Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 2 in D minor); 8.10 Visitors to Birmingham: The city's musical tradition; 8.30 Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral)
9.30 **The Golden Demon — Adolphe Sax:** Neil Cargill's fifth and final play about the inventor of the saxophone
10.00 **Music Live 95: Hear and Now.** Hoyland (Of Fantasy, of Dreams and Ceremonies; The Other Side of the Air; Chamber Concerto); 11.15 **Web:** Musical, visual and technical threads interwoven by the artist Lorne Christie and the composers of Beast (the Birmingham Electro-Acoustic Sound Theatre); 11.45-1.00am **Hear and Now in Concert:** Joseph Hyde (Nightfalling III, Burnt Out, ends); Gabriela Ortiz (Cymbels Reminiscence); Javier Alvarez (Shekere); The Insects (Atlantic Drift); Christopher Fox (More Things in the Air Than Are Visible)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Desert Island Discs:** The castaway is Sir Bernard Ingham (r)
9.45 **Feedback**, presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 **News; No Further Questions** (FM only): See Choice
10.00 **An Act of Worship** (LW only)
10.15 **From Plato to the Present** (LW only): *Philosophy and the Young Child*, by Gareth Matthews
10.30 **Woman's Hour** (FM only from 10.45am): Introduced by Sheila McLennon. Serial: *Bedrock*, by E. Annie Proulx. Bill Roberts reads the first of four stories
10.45-7.30pm **Cricket** (LW only): England v West Indies in the second Texaco Trophy one-day international from The Oval
NB: The following are on FM only until 7.30pm
11.30 **The Natural History Programme**
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **The Food Programme:** How Aids has forced the medical industry to take good food seriously 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One** (FM and LW), with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Classic Serial: Memoirs of a Midget.** Final part (r)
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** In Edinburgh, Tim Marlow visits an exhibition of photographs by the late American photographer Paul Strand
4.45 **Short Story: Seatell**, by David Anderson. Read by Eric Allan (r)
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **Going Places**
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **Pick of the Week**, with Christopher Serle
8.05 **Any Questions?** Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Liverpool
8.50 **Three Writers in Search of a Character:** See Choice
9.15 **Letter from America** by Alistair Cooke
9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature:** The controversial artist Damien Hirst (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Robin Lustig
10.45 **Book at Bedtime:** Hemingway's Chair, written and read by Michael Palin (5/10)
11.00 **Music Live 95: Week Ending.** Sally Grace, Jon Glover, Toby Longworth and Geoff McGivern celebrate 25 years of facing the music with a visit to the Glee Club in Birmingham
11.25 **Tea Junction**, with Patrick Hannan
11.45 **As Soon As I Open My Mouth:** Households whose members all have different accents (r)
12.00-12.45am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.45 As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198Khz (12.45am-5.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Moxey

Palace stung by rejection

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

CRYSTAL Palace are threatening to sue the Basketball League after having a third successive application for promotion to the Budweiser League rejected for what they claim are "spurious reasons".

Alton Byrd, who coached Palace — once Britain's leading club — to the first division title and a Wembley play-off triumph in his first season, was dismayed to learn this week that his team did not merit improved status.

Coventry Crusaders, the runners-up, and third-placed Ware Rebels were also refused but it was the league's decision to exclude Palace once more that may lead to repercussions. Besides their ability on court, Mike Smith, the league's chief executive, stressed that clubs should have impressive facilities, sponsorship potential, a solid financial structure and healthy attendances to satisfy requirements.

Palace, who dropped out of the league of their own accord four years ago but continued to stage the annual World Invitation Club Championships in the National Sports Centre, admit that they could improve in the last two aspects and say they would if they were granted admittance.

"We will do whatever it takes to get this decision reversed," Terry Doherty, the Palace director, said yesterday. "If that means legal action, so be it."

England are clearly hoping for something better from John Amaechi in the later stages of the European championships qualifying round.

The 6ft 9in Manchester-born forward, whose international debut against Ireland last Friday yielded just eight points, followed up with only five points more in the 96-57 defeat of Wales in Birmingham on Wednesday.

Amaechi, a product of Penn State University, has yet to show why he is rated one of the brightest prospects in the American college game. "I know that John didn't produce anything outstanding," Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, admitted. "But it's very difficult for him, as he has only just joined the team. He has had to adjust."

Watched by the disgruntled Karl Brown, who was omitted from the team at the last minute after having being told he was playing, Amaechi was out-scored by seven of his team-mates, led by the captain, Peter Scantlebury, with 22 points.

With England facing tougher games against Georgia, tonight, Denmark, tomorrow, and the group A favourites, Poland, on Sunday, Amaechi would do well to improve if they are to qualify for the semi-final round by finishing in the top three.

Dudman turns tide for Indio

BY JOHN WATSON

INDIO, the Honourable Lucas White's quartet, defeated the Australian team, Geebung (rec ½), from the Guards Club, by seven goals to 4½ as the tournament for the Cowdray Park Club's Dollar Cup went into the semi-final phase on the River ground at Midhurst yesterday.

The holders of the trophy looked over-confident during the first couple of chukkas, and the second half of a furiously-fought encounter started with Geebung 2½-2 ahead. But Indio were not to be subdued. Led by the All-England seven-goaler, Alan Kent, playing hand-in-glove with his No 2, Jonny Wade, they enjoyed a fine third chukka, one of their goals going to Richard Dudman, who was substituting at No 1, with great credit, for Lucas White.

Geebung received a further setback towards the end of the third chukka when their No 1 and patron, Ric Stowe, sustained an injury. After treatment, he was able to continue, however. Geebung's English No 3, Andrew Hine, showed skilful co-operation with Brett Kiely at No 2, but they could not resist the onslaught of Kent and Wade.

INDIO: 1, R Dudman (1); 2, J Wade (4); 3, A Kent (7); Back, A Holston (-1).
GEEBUNG: 1, R Stowe (0), 2, B Kiely (4); 3, A Hine (6), Back, P J Hall (0)

Big lead bolsters Surl's confidence

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

PHILIP SURL, the son of a Lincolnshire schoolmaster, took a commanding lead on his chestnut mare, Coxley Kontiki, at the end of the first day of dressage at the Brittany Ferries Windsor International Horse Trials yesterday.

Surl, 28, whose first appearance at Windsor was as a 15-year-old junior when he was "given a rocket" for going too fast on the cross-country — he finished inside the time despite a fall — has an 8.6-point lead over the French Olympic rider, Didier Seguret, on his former team horse, Newlot. Graham Law and Folds Whisper, a ten-year-old hunter mare who started eventing last year, is lying joint third with Marie-Louise Thomas on Tudor Briar.

Coxley Kontiki, owned by Jan Whitworth, is calm and level-headed, belying the chestnut mare stereotype. "You could bring her out of the box, give her ten minutes' work and take her into the arena," Surl said.

The cross-country tomorrow will be her biggest test to date but Surl, who runs a schooling yard at Rushton, near Kettering, is confident. "She's been clear at the three one-day horse trials this spring — it's just a question of the distance. She's not a full thoroughbred and we've had to work hard at her fitness."

Seguret has no such worries with Newlot. The 16-year-old gelding, to be retired after Windsor, is a veteran of numerous four-star events including Badminton, Burghley and the 1990 world championships where he was ninth. Seguret, 38, who farms near St Malo, chose Windsor as Newlot's swansong because of the course. "It's hilly but not too big and should suit him."

Law, in contrast, has an unknown quantity in Folds Whisper who is competing in her first three-day event. Until last year the ten-year-old mare had been used as a hunter by her owner, Susan Cutts, who runs a stud near Ringwood, Hampshire. Sensing the mare's talent she invited Law, who runs a yard near Swindon, to event her.

The offer was timely. Law, 26, had had a disappointing year. Kilburnie, on which he was fourth at Blenheim, died of a heart attack. Zhivago, his only advanced horse, was on the sidelines with a leg injury.

Folds Whisper was quick to provide consolation. In ten one-day events her only mistake across country has been a run-out at Weston Park. Law is confident that the "game little mare" can meet the challenge tomorrow — although he shares Surl's concern about the distance.

LEADING POSITIONS (after first day of dressage): International class: 1, Coxley Kontiki (P Surl) 44.0; 2, Newlot (D Seguret, Fr) 52.6, equal 3, Folds Whisper (G Law) and Tudor Brier (M-L Thomas) 57.6. National section: 1, Master Blackjack (C Toombs) 53.0; 2, Mad Murdoch (K Meacham) 55.4; 3, Spring Caberet (L Kamplay) 57.0

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

CLAVIATURE
(a) The key-board of an organ or pianoforte, from the Latin *claviatura*, *clavis* a key: "The pedal claviature was not invented until the beginning of the fifteenth century."

COLLINE
(b) A small hill, from the French, adapted from the Latin *collina terra*, *collis* a hill. Evelyn, *Memoirs*, 1641: "A noble well-wall'd, wooded, and watered park, full of fine collines and ponds."

CROZZLE
(c) A cinder, having an obscure relationship with coal-mining jargon *grozzle* to run together or cake with heat. *Crozling coal* is a caking or bituminous coal. "The bronze spear-head bears marks of having been subjected to a hot fire, the point especially having been burnt to a crozzle."

CHAPOURNET
(a) In a coat of arms, a chief divided by a bow-shaped line, understood to represent a hood, either a diminutive of *chapourn*, a corruption of the French *chaperon* a hood, or a corruption of the French *chaperonnel*. "Chapournet is a little Hood, the Figure of which Heralds take for the Bearing of a Coat of Arms."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qg5! threatens the rook and Qe7+. The only counter is 1 ... Qf6 but then 2 Qxd5! leaves Black helpless against the threats of Qxd7, Qc5+ and Qa8+.

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Men behaving sadly, madly and badly

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Bring back the stocks, that's what I say. Well, I don't say it often, but I muttered it a few times last night. BBC1's *Inside Story* concerned the perpetrators and victims of "telephone terror", a cowardly and psychologically damaging crime which will earn a guilty person the splendid maximum penalty of six months in the nick. *Inside Story* followed the investigations of a British Telecom Nuisance Call team in Canterbury, who spend *millions* each year tracking these tawdry curs, only to see them let off with a fine of two hundred quid. Cameras accompanied the BT chaps to the offenders' houses; and for once, the intrusive presence of a film crew seemed utterly right and proper. There he is, the *bastard! Intrude* on that man at once! In fact, hand me a tomato! Public shaming rituals should never have been allowed to die out.

Telephone Terror was, sadly, a bitty and unemotional film — not indignant as the subject deserved. Instead it was packed with statistics, and unsure of focus. The investigators were not the heroes, and in any case were understandably cagey about the mechanics of their tracking operations. Damn. Then the offenders were mainly invisible, too. Drat. This left the victims to speak at length about the threats, obscenities and heavy breathing. One woman was menaced by her husband's girlfriend; an elderly woman received threats from a man pretending to hold her relatives hostage. Afterwards, she suffered two heart attacks.

Luckily, some of the victims agreed to have video cameras next to their phones; and by this means an on-screen story finally emerged, when a woman called Kym not only received a number of threatening calls, but was attacked in her garden and then abducted outside a pet shop. Experts had assured her that malicious phone calls don't convert to action, but one wonders, cynically, whether this film would have made it to the screen if nothing nasty had happened. Certainly Kym's video camera came into its own *at this point*, when her frantic husband phoned the police, bent like a comma with worry. The phone rang, he snatched it, and an old man told him the incredible, shocking news that Kym was safe in a farmhouse, trailing ropes and a gag.

Apart from the return of BBC1's *Men Behaving Badly* for a fourth series (hoorah), it was a dull night. Greg Dyke ambled through a post-mortem of British women's tennis for **Fair Game** (Channel 4), and suggested ways in which the Lawn Tennis Association should take the rap. Long gone are those great days of Ann Jones and Virginia Wade (yawn); the British women's changing room now contains only a mouldy sock and a few spiders. How did the LTA let this happen? The answer is: God knows. Anyway, it's a huge scandal and when Jo Durie retires after Wimbledon this year, British women's tennis will apparently zip up its sports bag and wave goodbye. The tragedy is, the British public never warmed to Jo Durie. And dammit, now it's too late.

But if Greg Dyke was dull, duller by far was **True Stories: Class of 62**, also on Channel 4. Marilyn Gaunt's film was about the women she went to school with in Leeds. Having made a black-and-white film about their reunion in 1983, she thought she would follow them up, discover how their lives had changed. Unsurprisingly, their lives had changed a lot. Some of them had acquired different partners, new responsibilites for their aged mothers, and bigger specs. The most interesting case concerned a woman in Switzerland who had changed her life deliberately after seeing herself in the 1983 film. It had given her such a jolt that she'd left her husband and started afresh.

"Still going strong" was the cruel subtitle of this excruciatingly long film, but it was true that the women were tough. As Nigel in *EastEnders* said to Arthur the other day (attempting to flatter him into the football team), they combined experience with, er, well, even more experience. But the finale, including that great pop track "I am strong, I am invincible, I am WOMAN", may have taken things a little too far.

Flying squirrels adorned **Wildlife on One** (BBC1), but unfortunately they have only the one trick — viz, they are squirrels that fly, generally in a picturesque manner at full moon. Sometimes they fly from right to left, but mostly they fly from left to right, illuminated from beneath for maximum drama. They jump off a tree, spread their skin-flaps, and assume a regular rectangular shape, rather like the playing cards in Alice, with hands and feet at the corners. They wiggle their hips in the air like long-jumpers, and then they land on another trunk. That's it. I believe the commentary called them "winsome sprites" at one point, but it was desperation and I decided to be charitable and ignore it.

Finally, thank goodness for **Men Behaving Badly** (BBC1) in which the infantile Gary (Martin Clunes) cheered the nation immensely by placing his girlfriend's Dutch cap in his mouth, pushing it forward with his tongue and then breathing in at the wrong moment. Simon Nye's scripts are still amazingly fresh and absolutely appalling, and MBB has reached the point where it really doesn't matter whether a plot develops from week to week — Gary's relationship with Dorothy (Caroline Quentin) can founder on his immaturity until the last trump sounds. Last night the issue of babies arose. "What's so great about children anyway?" yelled Gary from the bed. "I just *want* them," she humphed, adjusting her nurse's uniform, and thinking of a way to explain. "It's like you and lager."

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (65626)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10432997)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (1790423)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7604930) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1856862)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (4550626)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9321794) **12.05 Pebble Mill.** In the last of the series Gloria Hunniford, Ross King and Alan Titchmarsh look back at the highlights of the past 150 programmes (s) (5402591) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15846046)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (37794) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (13454292)

1.50 Going for Gold. The genial Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz (s) (92703688)

2.15 The Flying Doctors (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6672668). **Wales:** Knots Landing **3.00 Gourmet Ireland.** Irish recipes (s) (2539)

3.30 Cartoon (5650862) **3.45 Dinobabies** (r) (8968626) **4.10 X-Men.** (Ceefax) (s) (2342355) **4.30 Round the Twist** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1464404)

4.55 Newsround. (Ceefax) (7749355) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (1104084)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (686510)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (775)

6.30 Regional news magazines (355)

7.00 The Weekend Show. A celebration of quirky Britain, introduced by Dale Winton (7220)

7.30 Tomorrow's World presented by Howard Stableford who discovers how moths fly. (Ceefax) (s) (539)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses (r) (3268)

8.30 In the Best Possible Taste!: A Tribute to Kenny Everett. (Ceefax) (2775)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6713)



Diana Cumberlege, Rowena Barthorp (9.30pm)

9.30 999. Michael Buerk introduces another collection of reconstructions from the casebooks of Britain's emergency services, including the rescue of two horse riders, Diana Cumberlege and Rowena Barthorp, from a fog-bound Jersey beach. (Ceefax) (s) (182404)

10.20 FILM: Under Fire (1983) starring Nick Nolte, Gene Hackman and Joanna Cassidy. A photo-journalist abandons his neutral role and joins forces with a colleague to help the Sandinistas in their fight against the Nicaraguan President Somoza. Directed by Roger Spottiswoode. (Ceefax) (65374881). **Wales:** The Dream (556152) 10.50 Film: Under Fire (14211317) 12.55-2.40 Film: March or Die (484534)

12.25am FILM: March or Die (1977) starring Gene Hackman, Terence Hill and Catherine Deneuve. French Foreign Legion drama about an American leading a motley bunch of men on a mission to protect an archaeological dig in the Moroccan desert. Directed by Dick Richards (899282)

2.10 Weather (2665621)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7788862)

8.15 For The Love of It All. A profile of Liz Lee, whose life revolves around Spanish Flamenco (r) (2696268) **8.20 Biking Butler.** Tony Butler begins a six-leg bicycle journey across the Midlands (r) (1888084) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago (1987794)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1874268) **2.00-2.10** Joshua Jones (98030775)

2.15 Golf — Volvo PGA Championship and Tennis. Steve Rider introduces first round coverage from Wentworth of the Volvo PGA championship; Sue Barker is at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh, for the semi-finals of the Women's World Doubles Cup. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (54753220)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Classic ghoulish humour. (Ceefax) (131626)

6.25 The Champions. Vintage special-agent adventures (r). (Ceefax) (574133)

7.15 Animal Crackers: The Vet. (Ceefax) (s) (792171)

7.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton reports on the latest gardening ideas at the Chelsea Flower Show. (Ceefax) (s) (881)

8.00 Cricket. Highlights from today's second 55-overs-a-side Texaco Trophy match between England and the West Indies at the Oval (s) (3355)

9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4355)

9.30 The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. Comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (76046)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. Lighthearted news quiz (s) (48775)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (746046)

11.15 Letterman in London. David Letterman's guests include the comedian Harry Hill (s) (361539). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby (361688) 11.45 Letterman in London (894576) 12.30am Late Jazz (34398) 1.35-3.30 Film: Gertrud (372331)



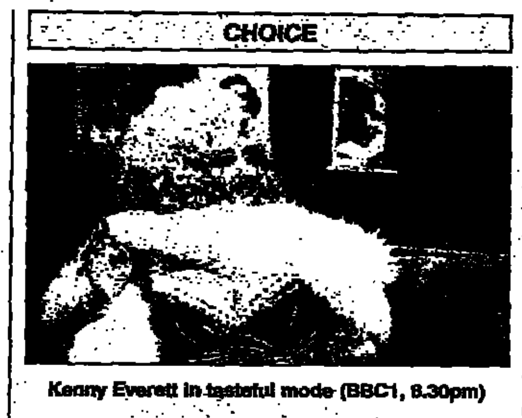
Skat singer supreme, Betty Carter (midnight)

12.00 Late Jazz. Tracey MacLeod introduces jazz performances from *The Late Show*. Among those appearing are Wynton Marsalis, Betty Carter and Hugh Masekela (35992) **1.00 Weather** (4138621)

1.05 FILM: Gertrud (1965, b/w) starring Nina Pens Rode and Bendt Rothe. A drama about a young wife, tired of playing second fiddle to her lawyer husband's career, who embarks on a series of affairs. The last film directed by Carl Theodor Dreyer. In Danish with English subtitles (721602). Ends at **3.05**

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CHOICE



Kenny Everett in tasteful mode (BBC1, 8.30pm)

In the Best Possible Taste! — A Tribute to Kenny Everett
BBC1, 8.30pm

It is surprising to hear from Barry Cryer, a colleague and admirer, that Kenny Everett was a radio man who hated television. That may have been so, but you would never guess it from his work. Indeed many of the gags and sketches assembled here in memory of the comic maverick who died last month are almost entirely visual. You need go no further than Kenny's pastiche Busby Berkeley number, a top hat and tails routine performed on a revolving coffee cup with the dancers dressed as biscuits. Having said that, the next best item, featuring Kenny and Billy Connolly as prim ladies in an Edinburgh tea shop, does rely on words — or would do if the pair were not giggling so much that they never get beyond the opening lines.

Animal Crackers
BBC2, 7.15pm

By a coincidence (or is it?) in the week when the BBC launches a series about a fictional Devon vet, *Animal Crackers* features a real Devon vet. Bob Young has practised in the Dartmoor area for 30 years and is chairman of an animal welfare charity. Nobody can doubt his commitment to his profession or to the cause of animals generally. Yet he does not automatically line up with "those ladies and gentlemen" who campaign for animal rights. He wonders how they treat their own animals, the dogs and cats they keep as pets, the bunny rabbits they buy for their children. Nor is he sentimental. He accepts that the end of the line for most of the animals he treats is the abattoir, he eats meat and he has no time for vegetarians.

Surgical Spirit
ITV, 8.30pm

Peter Learmouth's jolly hospital comedy returns for a seventh series and those who feel comfortable with the familiar can be assured that nothing has changed. Admittedly the fiery Sheila (Nichola McAuliffe) and the bumbling Jonathan (Duncan Preston) are now man and wife but since she still treats him to torrents of abuse, marriage appears to have done nothing to mellow her. Sheila's tirades apart, tonight's episode will not go down as one of the strongest, mainly because it goes on hammering jokes that were not very funny in the first place. One is about Joyce's frustrated passion for sausage rolls, the other follows the havoc wreaked by a learner driver. But the show continues to be fast, likeable and thoroughly inoffensive.

Roseanne
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Sharon Stone guests on tonight's show and manages to set a record by keeping her clothes on throughout. Her part, small but effective, requires her to shed her image of Hollywood temptress and play a dowdy slut who lives on a caravan site, drinks *too much* and is quick to trade insults. On this showing Stone is a more than adequate comedian, making reports that she and Roseanne may star in the American version of *Absolutely Fabulous* not at all far-fetched. Stone's cameo is woven into a plot which sees daughter Becky and hubby Mark buy a mobile home. For once Roseanne can feel socially superior, and she loses no opportunity for saying so. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (4172626) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** (s) (8026152) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1851317) **10.00 Step by Step** American sit-com (r) (s) (94591)

10.30 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (61282510) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9327978)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7004336)

12.55 Home and Away. Wedding plans are scuppered as tragedy touches Shane and Angel. (Teletext) (7012355)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (16713591)

1.55 A Country Practice. Harry and Kate's marriage reaches breaking point when Jules Goodfellow returns to Wandin Valley (s) (18404797) **2.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (12735572)

2.25 Rugby World Cup 1995. Alastair Hignell introduces live coverage of the match between Scotland and Ivory Coast from Olympia Park in Rustenburg. With commentary by Chris Rea and Gordon Brown (33453355)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1198423)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (655775)

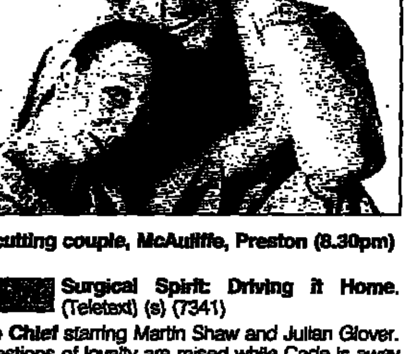
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (128152)

6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (836510)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. The comedian hosts the gameshow where prizes can be won or lost at the turn of a card. (Teletext) (s) (9688)

7.30 Coronation Street. Fiona has an unwelcome visitor at the flat. (Teletext) (607)

8.00 The Bill: O. T. S. When Debbie Keane confronts a prostitute her latest customer is DS Beech, who claims he is working undercover. (Teletext) (8336)



A cutting couple, McAuliffe, Preston (8.30pm)

8.30 Surgical Spirit: Driving it Home. (Teletext) (s) (7341)

9.00 The Chief starring Martin Shaw and Julian Glover. Questions of loyalty are raised while Cade is away investigating charges against a deputy chief constable of another constabulary. (Teletext) (s) (7317)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (35201)

10.30 Crime Monthly (20713)

11.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (262733)

11.40 Rugby World Cup 1995. Highlights of the game between Scotland and Ivory Coast; and France against Tonga in Pretoria. Plus news of the match between Canada and Romania (712249)

12.40 NEW **Sledge Hammer.** Spoof detective series (6445263)

1.05 The James Whale Show (s) (4883553)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (7090669)

3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (67635008)

3.25 Noisy Mothers. Weekly rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (4704824)

4.30 The New Music. Includes features on Subtractor, the Dave Matthews Band and Juliana Hatfield (13114)

5.30 ITN Morning News (90282). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7933171)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (27317)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (52978)

9.30 Schools: Eureka (4289249) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (4277404) **10.00** Irish Writers (1869336) **10.25** Eurokids (2191084) **10.40** Off Limits (6467084) **11.05** Schools at Work (9646249) **11.11** Time for Maths (6500387) **11.22** Stage One (3896853) **11.40** Co Sinn Is Carson (3966572)

12.00 Profiles Of Nature. Tom Sterling's film of grizzly bears at their annual gathering at Cook Inlet, Alaska, where they feed on spawning salmon (r) (65442)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (18775) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **The Clangers** (r) (52959864)

1.55 The Most Expensive Breakfast On Earth. The story of how a train driver's hunger led to a million pesos' worth of damage (r) (58347077)

2.15 FILM: No, My Darling Daughter (1961, b/w) starring Juliet Mills, Michael Redgrave and Rad Fulton. A romantic comedy directed by Ralph Thomas. (Teletext) (834978)

4.00 I Camcorder (r). (Teletext) (s) (336)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (220)

5.00 The Wild West: 1862-1865 — War Comes to Town (r). (Teletext) (s) (9201)

6.00 Blossom (Teletext) (s) (713)

6.30 Happy Days (r). (Teletext) (322591)

6.55 Terrytoons featuring Lariat Sam (430794)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (409775)

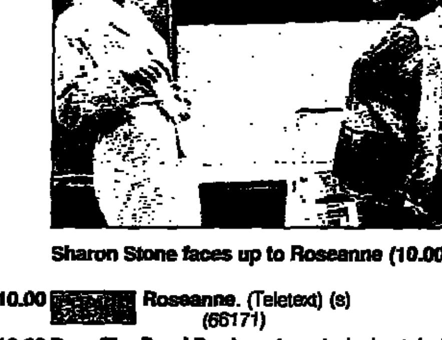
7.55 You Don't Know Me But . . . Frank Bough has a message for Nigel Mansell (s) (754171)

8.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Pow are in Plymouth. (Teletext) (s) (6978)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (8713)

9.00 Father Ted. The last in the comedy series about three priests living on a West of Ireland island. (Teletext) (s) (9423)

9.30 Friends. Comedy about six single New Yorkers. (Teletext) (s) (94442)



Sharon Stone faces up to Roseanne (10.00pm)

10.00 Roseanne. (Teletext) (s) (66171)

10.30 Drop The Dead Donkey. Award-winning television newsroom comedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (813161)

11.05 Eurotrash. European sleaze magazine (s) (639442). Followed by **Beastly Behaviour: The Spider**

11.40 FILM: Leave Her To Heaven (1946) starring Gene Tierney and Cornel Wilde. A drama about a neurotic and possessive woman who resorts to murder in order that her husband does not share his love with anyone else. Directed by John M. Stahl (35777539)

1.45am Geldof Goes Goondiwindi. Bob Geldof attends the black tie and ballgowns Bachelor and Spinster Ball held in the Australian outback (r) (729737)

2.45 Neville Brothers Live At Camden Lock. The brothers, with Carlos Santana, in concert (710089). Ends at **3.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (1851317) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (9327978) **12.55** Coronation Street (7012355) **1.25** Home and Away (16713591) **1.55-2.25** The Young Doctors (79509143) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1198423) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (836510) **10.30** Anglia News (401591) **10.40** Rugby World Cup 1995 (412442) **11.40** Bodies of Evidence (615161) **12.35am** The James Whale Show (3795669) **1.30** Noisy Mothers (9102602) **2.25** Coach (6530824) **2.55** Cue the Music (8044718) **3.50** The Album Show (9725244) **4.45** Phenomena (44462379) **5.00** Cinema, Cinema (48466)

CENTRAL

As London except: 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (1198423) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (836510) **10.40** Rugby World Cup 1995 (412442) **11.40** Cowboys in Skirts - The Making of 'Rob Roy' (462862) **12.10am** Magnum (7837640) **4.25** Jobfinder (9894331) **5.20** Asian Eye (8620973)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (1851317) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (9327978) **12.55** Shortland Street (7012355) **1.25** Home and Away (51242978) **1.50-2.25** Make 'em Laugh (5709084) **5.10-5.40** High Road (1198423) **6.25** Granada Tonight (291572) **6.50-7.00** Kick Off (147572) **10.30** Granada News (401591) **10.40** Rugby World Cup 1995 (412442) **11.40** The Equalizer (566341) **12.30am-1.05** Eye TV (2489911)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (1851317) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (9327978) **12.55** Coronation Street (7012355) **1.25** Home and Away (16713591) **1.55-2.25** High Road (79509143) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1198423) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (423) **10.40** Something Strange (201572) **11.10** Rugby World Cup 1995 (914864) **12.10am** Hunter (7837640)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (423) **10.40** Rugby World Cup 1995 (41[illegible]) **11.40** Hunter (615161) **12.35am** Eye TV (7224640)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (7012355) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (16713591) **2.20-2.25** Gardening Time Tips (12735572) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1198423) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (171) **6.30-7.00** The Del Special (423) **10.40** Rugby World Cup 1995 (412442) **11.40** Phoenix (615161) **12.35am** The James Whale Show (3795669) **1.30** Noisy Mothers (9102602) **2.25** Coach (6530824) **2.55** Cue the Music (8044718) **3.50** The Album Show (9725244) **4.45** Phenomena (44462379) **5.00** Freescreen (48466)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.20pm Westcountry News (9336826) **12.25-12.30** My Story (9335997) **12.55** Coronation Street (7012355) **1.25** Home and Away (16713591) **1.55-2.25** Gardeners' Diary (79509143) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1198423) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (91355) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (401591) **10.40** Rugby World Cup 1995 (412442) **11.40** Married With Children (462862) **12.10am** Gaz Top Non Stop (7837640)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (1851317) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire. Calendar News and Weather / Bikedale: Network North (9327978) **12.55** Coronation Street (7012355) **1.25** Home and Away (16713591) **1.55** Gardening Time (70526955) **2.15** Help Yourself (12745959) **2.20-2.25** Five Minutes (12735572) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1198423) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (130713) **6.30-7.00** On Your Marks (423) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (401591) **10.40** Rugby World Cup 1995 (412442) **11.40** Dead Men Don't Die (439775) **1.25am** The James Whale Show (9633058) **2.25** The Big E (2930244) **3.20** The Beat (9596465) **4.15** Shift (9814195) **5.05** Sportsworld (9017027)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (27317) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (52978) **9.30** Ysgolion (597794) **12.00pm** Sesame Street (93713) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (20404) **1.30** The Five Mrs Buchanans (80249) **2.00** Three Coins In The Fountain (280572) **3.55** I Camcorder (5925539) **4.30** Saved By The Bell (220) **5.00** 5 Pump: Uned 5 (2274) **5.30** Fifteen To One (572) **6.00** Newyddion (582336) **6.15** Heno (573539) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2030) **7.30** Canu Gwlad (249) **8.00** Dara O Gonemara (6978) **8.30** Newyddion (8713) **9.00** Ffau'r Llewod (797268) **9.45** Gwerth Chwech Rhyw Amser Cino (206510) **10.00** Brookside (66171) **10.30** Drop The Dead Donkey (813161) **11.05** Eurotrash (863317) **11.35** Beastly Behaviour: The Spider (868846) **11.40** Leave Her To Heaven (35777539) **1.45am** Geldof Goes Goondiwindi (729737) **2.45** Neville Brothers Live At Camden Lock (710089)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (77133) **8.00** Power Rangers (99423) **8.30** Blockbusters (98794) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (13775) **10.00** Concentration (43881) **10.30** Card Sharks (78930) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (77336) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (92510) **12.30pm** Designing Women (18046) **1.00** The Waltons (89571) **2.00** Matlock (44510) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (4301713) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (2295751) **4.30** Power Rangers (6826) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (9607) **6.00** Spellbound (7591) **6.30** Family Ties (1171) **7.00** Rescue (4256) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7355) **8.00** Who Do You Do? (9084) **8.30** Code 3 (8591) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (63510) **10.00** Quantum Leap (73897) **11.00** David Letterman (918336) **11.50** LA Law (505046) **12.45am** The Untouchables (7950486) **1.30** In Living Color (46027) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (4647992)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2976572) **9.30** Sky Worldwide Report (89336) **10.30** ABC Nightline (76572) **11.00** News (855292) **1.30pm** CBS News (42317) **2.30** Sky Destinations (33220) **3.30** The Lords (8249) **4.00** News (25862) **5.00** Live at Five (6046065) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (742607) **8.00** News and Business (7616) **8.30** The O.J. Simpson Trial (70688) **12.30am** CBS News (6609805) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (8904911) **2.30** Sky Destinations (79331) **3.30** Special Report (81176) **4.30** CBS News (37718) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (25992)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5440274) **10.00 Out on a Limb** (1992) (12862) **12.00 40 Carats** (1973) (58713) **2.00pm Sacred Ground** (1983) (64249) **4.00 Inside Out** (1975) (4539) **6.00 Out on a Limb** (1992). As 10am (77713) **8.00 My New Gun** (1992) (43774930) **9.40 US Top Ten** (455565) **10.00 Painted Heart** (1992) (939653) **11.35 Cinema of Vengeance** (1993) (355249) **1.10am The Unbearable Lightness of Being** (1988) (18740749) **3.55-6.00 Garbo Talks** (1984) (74603089)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (37133) **4.00 Sirocco** (1951) (9881) **6.00 Stage Fright** (1950) (57997) **8.00 The War Wagon** (1967) (52442) **10.00 Nico** (1988) (968442) **11.40-1.40am Freud** (1962) (94078881)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Affair in Trinidad (1952) (82697355) **7.40 The Magic Voyage** (1994) (1468323) **9.05 The Man in the Iron Mask** (1990) (1987775) **10.00 Star of Midnight** (1935) (10404) **12.00 Carry On Columbus** (1992) (31065) **1.30pm Spencer's Mountain** (1963) (83369) **3.30 The Magic Voyage** (1994) As 7.40am (3275404) **4.55 The Man in the Iron Mask** (1990): As 9.05am (1975249) **5.50 Man of the West** (1958) (21360607) **7.30 The Movie Show** (3715) **8.00 Carry On Columbus** (1992) As noon (47572) **10.00 White Man Can't Jump** (1992) (424423) **11.55 UFO: The Movie** (1993) (545249) **1.15am Trespass** (1992) (578553) **3.00 Sodbusters** (1993) (800485) **4.40-6.00 The Swinger** (1966) (1841468)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am WWF Action Zone (17152) **8.00** ATP Tennis Magazine (24794) **8.30** Transworld Sport (27607) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (32201) **10.00** World Soccer Magazine (98355) **10.30** Cricket. Live. One-Day International (3560442) **7.30pm** Winning Post. Live from Pontefract and Towcester (96105930) **9.15** Indy 500 — The Road to Glory (407249) **10.15** International Cricket (458133) **11.45** World Soccer Magazine (546317) **12.15am** NBA Conference Finals (804447) **2.15-3.15** Indy 500 — The Road to Glory (991992)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am WLAF Magazine (4843686) **7.00** ATP Tennis (8105881) **9.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA. Live (8912510) **11.00** World Sport Special (1393084) **11.30-12.00** WTA Tennis Magazine (8706862)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Rugby (64404) **9.00** Tennis (32713) **9.30** Eurofun (67997) **10.00** Mountainbike (83423) **10.30** Duathlon (87404) **11.30** Tennis (66133) **12.00** Formula One (40220) **1.00pm** Rally (11794) **1.30** Motors (33997) **3.00** Live Rugby (65155591) **6.45** Mini News (350959) **7.00** Golf (58189) **9.00** International Motorsports Report (93274) **10.00** Rugby (57133) **11.30** Truck Racing (89607) **12.00-12.30am** Mini News (60843)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1627862) **8.30** Peyton Place (1626133) **9.00** As the World Turns (9231317) **10.00** Guiding Light (8100336) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8101065)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (1637249) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4959997) **1.00** Great Sports Vacations (8101688) **1.30** Cooking in France (4887268) **2.00** Ticket to Paradise (7345688)



Morecambe and Wise bringing sunshine (UK Gold, 8.00pm)

2.30 On Top of the World (9422959) **3.00** Survival on a Tropical Island (1373220) **4.00** Travel Guide Review (9446539) **4.30** Boomerang (9435423) **5.00** Ticket to Paradise (7369268) **5.30-6.00** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (9429775)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7396201) **9.30** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (7613046) **10.00** House Style (6588978) **10.30** Park High (7325713) **11.00** Only Human (7317864) **12.00** The Heart of Healing (7636997) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (7012012) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (7616133) **2.00** The Tin-Lids (6589607) **3.00** House Style (8039784) **3.30-4.00** Local Heroes (5871572)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (2509419) **7.30** Neighbours (1812274) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7315336) **8.30** EastEnders (7314607) **9.00** The Bill (7305958) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (9374404) **10.30** Casualty (85031220) **11.35** Going for Gold (1222775) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7318423) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7619220) **1.00** EastEnders (5212030) **1.30** The Bill (7618591) **2.00** The Dawson Watch (8029317) **2.30** Triangle (5801713) **3.00** Knots Landing (3614336) **4.00** Dallas (3826171) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5511336) **5.35** Dick Emery (6816572) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (1032930) **6.30** EastEnders (5893794) **7.00** Help! (8023133) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (5899978) **8.00** Morecambe and Wise (2055171) **9.00** Casualty (2042607) **10.00** The Bill (7319152) **10.30** Miami Vice (9843784) **11.30** Top of the Pops (1415794) **12.05am** Dr Who (4686379) **12.35** FILM: The Winds of Jarrah (1983) (29586973) **2.00-3.00** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (72978) **7.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (50268) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (39775) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (53220) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (3645572) **8.45** Casper (3673355) **9.00** Sesame Street (19997) **10.00** Tiny TCC (81591) **12.00** Madeline (83607) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (87881) **2.30** Barney (6686) **3.00** Dinobabies (8539) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (5591) **4.00** California Dreams (4826) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (3510)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive (3354626) **7.15** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (845065) **7.45** Rugrats (844336) **8.15** Mighty Max (939978) **8.45** NickAlive (8015864) **9.00** Nick Jr (618046) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (25423) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (41959) **1.00** Smoggies (24268) **1.30** Grimmy (33930) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (6238) **2.30** Galaxy High School (8020) **3.00** Dungeons and Dragons (2713) **3.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack (2065) **4.00** Mighty Max (1572) **4.30** Rugrats (2224) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (4930) **5.30** Odyssey (1336) **6.00** Doug (8249) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2201)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Wildside (3824713) **5.00** Mysterious Universe (8041539) **5.30** Mysterious World (5803171) **6.00** Invention (8034143) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (3871171) **7.30** Fire! (5880220) **8.00** Mysteries (2053713) **9.00** Arabia (2040249) **10.00** Future Quest (7317794) **10.30** Invention (7326442) **11.00-12.00** Watching the Detectives (6862779)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Invasion of the Animal People (1962) (1801794) **1.30pm** Death Valley Days (7610959) **2.00** The Avengers (6576133) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (8026220) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (5808626) **4.00** FILM: Cone of Silence (1960) (17979607) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (6525442) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (5897510) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (1791775) **7.30** The Adventures of Robin Hood (5884046) **8.00** The Avengers (2057539) **9.00** Man in a Suitcase (2037775) **10.00** FILM: Doomwatch (1972): Ian Bannen monitors the effects of radiation on a small island (6929355) **11.45-12.00** Muffin the Mule (7278713)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4325510) **7.00** Living Magazine (7917046) **9.00** The Treatment (4300510) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5752862) **10.05** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (2602959) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (70491626) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (5418220) **11.55** The Simple Programme (89891201) **12.00** Kilroy (6750171) **12.55pm** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (1103201) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2699046) **2.00** Agony Hour (7508404) **3.00** Living Magazine (9849336) **4.00** Infatuation (2089220) **4.30** Crosswits (8988715) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (75013046) **5.30** The Fish Course (7825572) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (3566423) **6.30** Infatuation UK (2097249) **7.00** Crosswits (6544423) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (8998404) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6477133) **8.55** The Simple Programme (7126775) **9.00** FILM: What Ever Happened To . . ? (1991): Vanessa and Lynn Redgrave in a remake of *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?* (87227355) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (4925713) **11.00** Sex Life (8929572) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (7503959)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (3084) **5.30** Gladiators 2000 (4862) **6.00** My Two Dads (1775) **6.30** Catchphrase (5355) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (3220) **7.30** Road to Avonlea (75046) **8.30** Home to Roost (8775) **9.00** Sirens (26997) **10.30** Tintin (73084) **11.00** Lou Grant (38688) **12.00** Zorro (22843) **12.30am** Rhoda (87282) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (69060) **1.30** Rhoda (41373) **2.00** Sirens (41824) **3.00** Lou Grant (78598) **4.00** Rhoda (56821) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (80553)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (37805) **6.30** The Grind (95684) **7.00** 3 from 1 (4129881) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (5233997) **8.00** VJ Ingo (539065) **11.00** The Soul of MTV (40881) **12.00** Greatest Hits (93336) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (62864) **2.00** 3 from 1 (52657930) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (4272794) **3.00** Cinematic (5780688) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (6482882) **4.00** MTV News at Night (6714881) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (6704404) **4.30** Dial MTV (2268) **5.00** Real World (5442) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (93930) **7.00** Greatest Hits (47510) **8.00** Most Wanted (83084) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (94065) **10.00** MTV News at Night (598930) **10.15** Cinematic (524713) **10.30** The Zig and Zag Show (75442) **11.00** Partyzone (17713) **1.00am** The Soul of MTV (25263) **2.00** Night Videos (8260244)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (8190959) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7193539) **12.00** The Bridge (4849862) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (4858510) **2.00** Heart and Soul (8710065) **3.00** Into the Music (6191336) **5.00** VH-1-2-3 (4384065) **6.15** Prime Cuts (8156220) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8902133) **8.00** VH-1 Soul (8911881) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8908317) **10.00** Jonathan Ross Presents (1630336) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (1649084) **11.00** Around and Around (8103423) **12.00** The Nightfly (7423805) **2.00am** Ten of the Best (3957553) **3.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, incl **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (78838201) **8.00** Asl Laila (49947317) **8.30** Rishtey (49946688) **9.00** Tara (49960268) **9.30** Film Deewana (76008046) **10.00** Antaakshri (86347607) **10.30** Parampara (49959152) **11.00** Sauda (71564572) **11.30** Kachwa Aur Khargosh (71565201) **12.00** Campus (49940404) **12.30pm** Saajan Sajni (76002882) **1.00** Bengali FILM (48809881) **4.00** Padosi (71566152) **5.00** Gol Sal Go (91521201) **5.30** Rishtey (64766626) **6.00** Amar Naam Bakul (64763539) **6.30** Campus (64747881) **7.00** BBCD (91541065) **7.30** Chakravyuha (64743775) **8.00** News; Zee and U (91560713) **8.30** Filmi Chakkar (91539220) **9.00pm-12.00** Hindi FILM (76814336)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm The Rich Life: The Making of Richie Rich (42408201) **7.30 The Prince and the Pauper** (1937) (74236336) **9.30 The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** (1939) (61386881) **11.00 Night Must Fall** (1964) (31834210) **12.45-3.45am Napoleon** (1954) (57543621)

CNN/QVC

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Hosts outplay holders in opening match to state World Cup credentials

South Africa throw down gauntlet

South Africa 27
Australia 18

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN CAPE TOWN

FROM first to last this was South Africa's day and, from the playing point of view, the success of the 1995 rugby World Cup is assured. From the first notes of the joyful opening ceremony at the historic Newlands ground here to the final outpouring of triumph and relief that the 1991 champions had been smashed aside, a nation rejoiced.

The South Africa selectors, criticised for their choices in midfield and the front row, were completely vindicated. In neither area did the team falter, leaving Joel Stransky to dominate the scoreboard on his home ground with a return of 22 points. The line now runs straight from the coast to the rarefied atmosphere of Transvaal on June 24, when all South Africa will anticipate its heroes contesting the World Cup final.

For Australia, the road back from what was an utterly unexpected reverse will be rocky. The team whose preparations seemed so confident and assured, whose experience was unequalled and whose stride so measured, was left looking ragged and threadbare. The inaccuracy of Australia's play must have appalled Bob Dwyer, their coach, who must now reassemble his team to take them past the likely hurdles of England and New Zealand.

That Australia will hit back in their pool A games against Canada and Romania is not in doubt, but their flat-ball game was completely unravelled by a team playing, apparently, on pure adrenalin. South Africa, admirably disciplined and tactically alert, locked up the midfield on all but one occasion and, given an ounce more luck, might have scored three more tries to create the semblance of a rout.

Their margin of success was the more astounding because they hardly won a lineout. Their first success in that vital phase came after 35 minutes, through the influential Straeuli, and, by my count, they won only five balls to Australia's 22. Yet, by preying on Gregan and setting both scrum half and flanker at Lynagh, they closed down space for the dangerous Australian back division.

If one moment crystalised the tactical triumph of South Africa and their coach, Kitch Christie, it came when Small escaped near halfway, and van der Westhuizen was one of six South Africans in support against two Australians. That the scrum half knocked on seconds after his team had established a 14-13 lead going into the interval was neither here nor there, given the perception of his all-round game.

South Africa could not have anticipated how off-key their opponents would be: that so experienced a pivot as Lynagh could drop out so badly, that he could miss the softest of penalties, or that Pini's inability to find touch would prove so costly. Or, indeed, that Campese would be the player to allow South Africa their first sniff of victory, when he let Hendriks scamper clear for his team's first try.

It was the game, and the result, that the tournament required — not a foot out of place, not a penalty for foul play, just hard, pure rugby, played with power and pace.

The ritual exchange of penalties that opened the game allowed early nerves to settle and, though Stransky edged his side ahead, Australia flattered to deceive by upping the pace and creating, for the only time in the game, the fluid continuity that took Lynagh over for his try.

As he did throughout the game, Gavin played the vital role in that score, but South Africa proved better at winning back possession from restarts. Joubert, Dalton and Small linked on the right, and Small did superbly well to cross from his own to the opposite wing so that, when rucked ball arrived, he made the extra man, and Hendriks went stepping out of Campese's apology for a tackle.

The try gave South Africa a lead they were not to lose, and the sight of Campese, seconds later, knocking on under no pressure, gave them added heart. Earlier in the week, Stransky had suggested that the wind at refurbished Newlands was now more flukey, but that did not stop the Western Province stand-off half, 27, kicking a fourth penalty and dropping a close-range goal to add to his team's self-belief.

Twice, Herbert broke clear, but invariably Australia suffered the indignity of turned-over ball against the curtain provided by an aggressive midfield and a powerful back row. That Australia survived immense pressure in the third quarter was to their credit, but, just when they believed they were still in the match, van der Westhuizen and Straeuli combined from a five-metre scrum to send Stransky stepping inside and over the line for the decisive try.

There was time for the winning of the match, but Australia could find neither the wit nor the pace to do so. Fifteen minutes after the excellent Derek Bevan blew his whistle, a banner stretched across the road to D F Malan airport: "We tied your kangaroo down sport", it read. "Now for the rest."

SCORERS: South Africa: Tries: Hendriks, Stransky. Conversion: Stransky. Penalty goals: Stransky (4). Dropped goal: Stransky. Australia: Tries: Lynagh, Kearns. Conversion: Lynagh. Penalty goals: Lynagh (2)

SOUTH AFRICA: A J Joubert (Natal), J T Small (Natal), J C Mulder (Transvaal), H P le Roux (Transvaal), P Hendriks (Transvaal); J T Stransky (Western Province), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal); P du Randt (Orange Free State), J Dalton (Transvaal), S Swart (Transvaal), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), M G Andrews (Natal), J J Strydom (Transvaal), R G Kruger (Northern Transvaal), R A W Straeuli (Transvaal). G Pagel (Western Province) replaced Swart, 68min.

AUSTRALIA: M Pini (Queensland); D I Campese (New South Wales), D J Herbert (Queensland), J S Little (Queensland), D P Smith (Queensland), M P Lynagh (Queensland, captain), G M Gregan (ACT); D J Crowley (Queensland), P N Kearns (New South Wales), E J A McKenzie (New South Wales), V Ofahengaue (New South Wales), R J McCall (Queensland), J A Eales (Queensland), D Wilson (Queensland), B T Gavin (New South Wales).
Referee: W D Bevan (Wales).

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MIKE HEWITT/ALLSPORT



Hendriks, the South Africa wing, acclaims the try he scored to give his team a narrow half-time lead yesterday

European places in jeopardy as Uefa takes hard line

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH clubs have been put into a no-win situation by the greed, the ambition, the disregard for footballers' welfare, of Uefa, the governig body of European football. Over the past few days, the Uefa leadership has attempted to coerce clubs into the Intertoto Cup, a spurious competition which the moneymen of Uefa have created to fill those few weeks between the end of one season and the start of another.

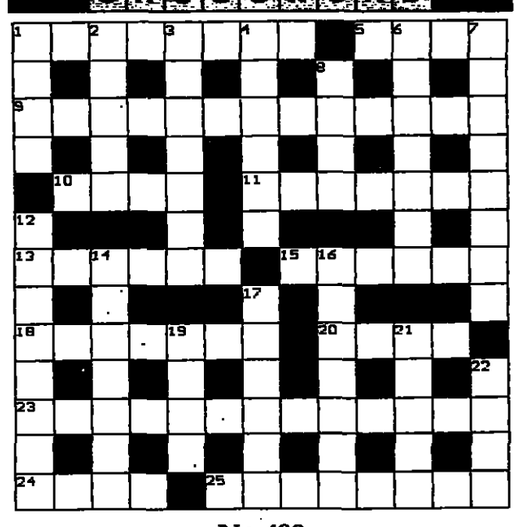
On Tuesday and on Wednesday, first Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, and then Gerhard Aigner, the general secretary, made specific threats to members of the Football Association that were tantamount to saying that, if English clubs did not agree to compete, then all of England's hard-earned places in the leading European competitions would be withdrawn.

This followed the refusal by Tottenham Hotspur, Queens Park Rangers, Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday to accept invitations to the tournament this summer. They did that despite a menacing threat that Uefa would fine any English club that qualified for the tournament, by dint of position in the FA Carling Premiership, the sum of £50,000.

When Sir Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association, arrived in Vienna for the final of the European Cup this week, he was informed of the threat to ban English clubs from all competitions. Later, Trevor Phillips, the FA's commercial director, was warned by Aigner of the same consequences. No date was mentioned, but it appears that the threat is not to Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United or the other teams that have qualified this season, but for the start of the 1996-97 season. Uefa, not for the first time, is firing from the hip.

The mess that the clubs of England have got themselves into is, this time, not the fault of the FA, for the club chairmen had initially expressed a desire to take part in the competition. Last night, it appeared that three "volunteers" are about to be coerced. Queens Park Rangers, Southampton, and Tottenham or Wimbledon, are thought to be reconsidering their "option".

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Put down, keep secret (8)
5 Beer foam: specified *number of cattle* (4)
9 Expose (scandal) (4,3,3,3)
10 Bird: sailor (4)
11 Account: translation (7)
13 Noted; noticeable (6)
15 Away (6)
18 Take advantage of (7)
20 Prison (*slang*) (4)
23 Car-handling instruction (7,6)
24 Fashion; anger (4)
25 Pronouncement on convict (8)

DOWN
1 Location (of activity) (4)
2 Rod: gambling game (5)
3 *Group of followers* (7)
4 Postpone; slope gently (6)
6 Arousing strong feelings (7)
7 Clearly specified (8)
8 Coffin-rest (4)
12 Burn slowly and quietly (8)
14 Bringing up, lifting (7)
16 Willed item (7)
17 Hunting dog (6)
19 Tchaikovsky *overture* (4)
21 – Welles, *Citizen Kane* director (5)
22 Leg joint (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 479

ACROSS: 1 Caper 7 Usher in 8 Stagger 9 Be brief 11 Yum-Yum 13 So to speak 15 Name names 19 Die out 21 Compost 23 Avenger 24 Cluster 25 Trade

DOWN: 1 Cushy 2 Plasma 3 Regius 4 Curb 5 De trop 6 Vinegar 10 Evoked 12 Morass 14 Panoply 16 Expose 17 Silent 18 Loggia 20 Terse 22 Tarn

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Springboks are masters of fate

David Miller praises a stirring victory forged under the weight of expectation of a nation

Amid the tumult of emotion and incident, Bob Dwyer, Australia's coach, was uncharacteristically lost for words. In an opening World Cup match that had exceeded expectations with its vibrant play, Australia, the defending champions, had lost. And Dwyer admitted he was not sure why. Usually, he is as sharp as Archimedes.

Outside the grandstand, a banner was still being gleefully paraded. "Forget the Rhino. Save the Wallabies." Dwyer and his team were having to come to terms with the fact, tough for any Australian at the best of times, that South African nerve and character had been superior.

Francois Pienaar, the Springbok captain, and his colleagues, under pressure far worse than the visitors because of the expectation from this nation that is almost literally on the boil, had met fate head-on and mastered it. They had allowed the champions an early lead, and then given them a beating. It was stirring stuff.

"I think we were a bit more hungry than them," Pienaar said with understatement. "Some of their players faltered when we put pressure on them. We've improved since 1992, and we can improve some more."

It may not have been the most significant moment of the week on Wednesday, when President Mandela visited the team, but Pienaar reflected on the motivation produced by the occasion. "He's a great man," the captain said with uninhibited admiration, "and we all thought that if we can persevere like he did, we'll be a great side."

Kitch Christie, South Africa's coach, had almost that smug smile of the proverbial Cheshire cat. He said little: he could afford to, because he had got it right, never mind the welter of criticism beforehand. "Our tactical kicking upset them," was the nearest he came to defining a victory which has immediately set the terms of reference for the tournament.

What a day it had been, beginning with the most colourful and unaffected of opening ceremonies, embracing all the races of "our rainbow nation" as Mandela referred to it. The streets outside had also borne testimony to the spirit of freedom and cheerfulness that you encounter everywhere, thousands thronging every pavement and side-street. The itinerant vendors had faces representing every city from Cairo to Shanghai.

On the field, the Springboks were as committed, without being violent, as it is possible for a side to be. They ran like men possessed. I shall carry the memory of James Dalton, their hooker, pursuing a long kick for touch from close to the South African line, during the late, vain spell of Australian resurgence which had the hosts pinned down. The ball was not going to reach touch, as Campese closed in on it. Dalton, a barrel of a man on little legs, was coming after it at such a rate that he seemed faster than the world's most celebrated winger. And forced him out of play.

It was an uncomfortable afternoon for Dwyer, and the problems will not quickly go away. Was it temperamental failure more than tactical, he was asked? The temperament, he suggested, affected the technique. There would be changes. They had to analyse themselves. They need to. It is not so much Australian rugby which has been bruised, as Australian character.

At 13-9 South Africa were there for the taking. You sensed that one or two Australians felt the result was going to come *to* them. The all-white South Africans, who have that psychological immunity to the state of the game which is the hallmark of great competitors, hit back instantly with a near-try by Stransky and then a runaway gallop by Hendriks that utterly changed the colour of the contest.

Before he crossed the line, having run clean through Campese's despairing tackle — how Campese looked his age! — Hendriks had his arm raised in triumph. The gesture encapsulated the moment of South Africa's moral seizure of victory.

Reformers' plans could fall flat

BY SIMON WILDE

ENGLISH cricket's "big five" finally came out of the shadows yesterday. Beneath the glare of television lights and some famous old faces that have adorned the Long Room at the Oval since the game was officially run by amateurs, the Test Match Grounds County Clubs working party presented its brave and ultra-professional vision of the future.

This six-man committee, chaired by Tony Cross, of Warwickshire, believes that the only way England will again be an international force is with the creation of a system of clear accountability. Many of its aims, outlined in a 25-page proposal, are worthy enough, but whether Cross's group has overplayed its hand may not be clear until next week's special meeting at Lord's at which some 50 other submissions will also be considered.

One of the purposes of yesterday's presentation was to alleviate the fears of those who had "jumped to conclusions about a report they had not read".

What emerged was that the leaks were largely accurate. A 38-team, four-division championship, embracing first-class and *minor counties (places to be decided by 1996 form)*; an FA Cup-style NatWest Trophy; county cricket boards administering all aspects of the game within their boundaries: all were there. "Competitiveness" and "self-help" were common phrases, as was: "There can be no losers".

The plans need a two-thirds majority among the 20 members of the Test and County Cricket Board to gain acceptance and early indications are that only MCC, the Minor Counties association and "one or two" others would back the "big five", who want four places on their proposed 12-man executive to run the game on a daily basis. Yesterday they had catered *for an audience of 80 but only a dozen* turned up. It was rather like watching an uncompetitive county match.

